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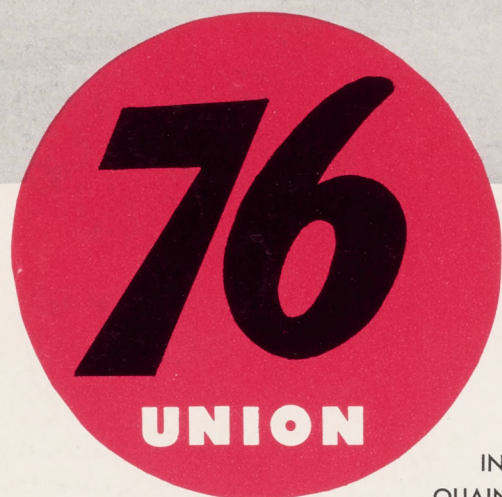
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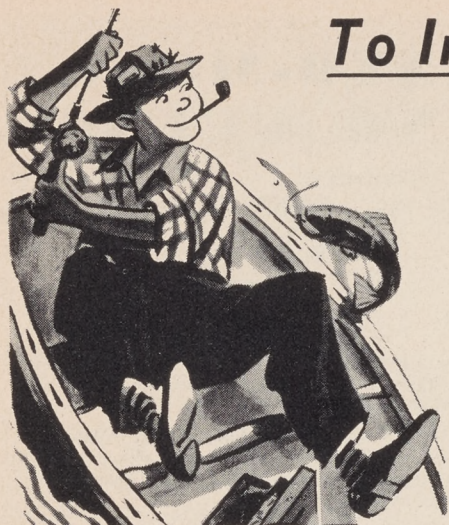
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Our Cover Girl



Lani Palmer, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Palmer of Bishop, is featured on the cover of this year's Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. Her name is really 'Leilani,' (which, in Hawaiian, means 'Heavenly Flower') and we quite agree that the name is accurate. The photo was taken as she fished on Bishop Creek last summer. Besides fishing, she really likes ballet, skiing, and golfing. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

About the 1955 Fishing Guide



The Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide, like a child, is growing up. Born in the Spring of 1953 with a small, 24-page hurry-up edition which was principally meant as a supplement for the Chalfant Press weekly newspapers in Inyo and Mono Counties, The Fishing Guide climbed out of the cradle and took its first steps in 1954 with the highly-successful 100-page issue of which 20,000 copies were sold.

Now, this 1955 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide, with its 164-pages of new scenic photos, complete, accurate maps of the entire two-county area, its interesting and diversified articles, and a more complete selection of local and national advertising, truly demonstrates that our "baby," born two years ago, has truly grown up.

If you check over this book carefully, you will note that its scope is broadened considerably. The emphasis, of course, is on trout fishing in the Eastern High Sierra—and this will continue to play the predominant role in all future books. Nevertheless, we feel that there is so much more to say and picture about our matchless Inyo-Mono Vacationland, in addition to its wonderful fishing, that we want everyone to know about it.

So, this year, we have added a story about Fall and Winter sports and other activities. Many people believe that the Eastern High Sierra is a barren land of ice and snow in the winter, so we want to tell them otherwise. The Inyo-Mono area is full of tradition and colorful early California history; so we have included a unique article on the fabulous early mining boom town of Bodie. Probably many of our visitors will want to visit this historical ghost town while they are here on a fishing or camping trip.

We've also included some beautiful photos and an interesting article on the famous White Mountain Bristlecone Pines which have been proved to be at least 1500 years old—and maybe older. As you will see, when you look at the pictures, this remote area is a "cameraman's dream." And, chances are, some of the shutter-bugs will want to make the trip up the mountains to see these ancient, photogenic specimens.

And, of course, there are more fishing and camping articles which should be of special interest to the sportsman.

We think you are going to like this issue of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide and we, like a proud father, think it is really growing up. But, we still don't think it has reached its maturity. Already we have plans for a bigger and better book in 1956 with all new material and features. So, we hope you will be looking forward to it . . . same as we.

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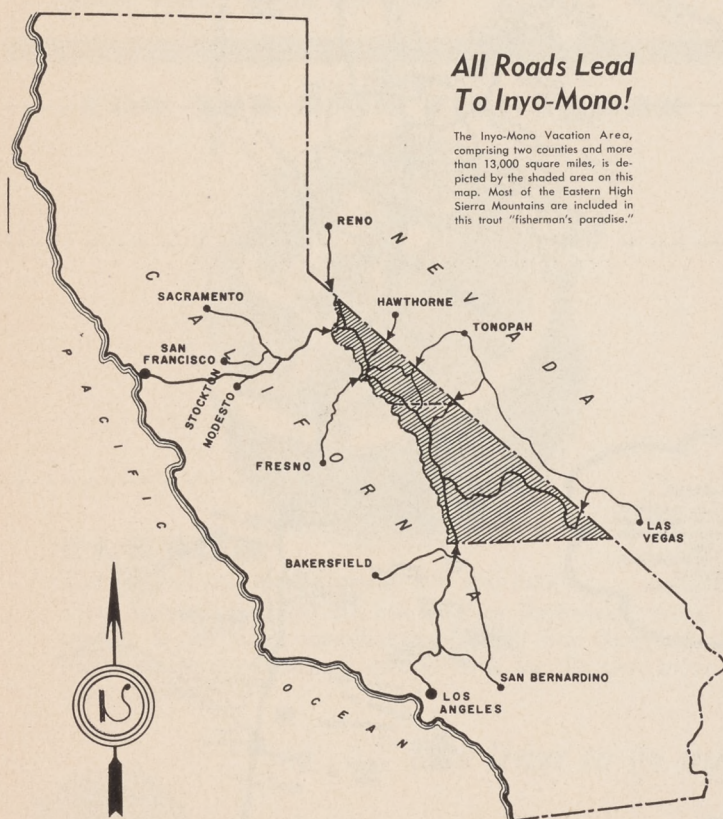
Again it is our pleasure to invite you to spend your vacation in California's Eastern High Sierra this year. And, again we present a new Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide—with the latest maps, photos, and information about what this fabulous mountain country offers in the way of trout fishing, camping, and other Summer entertainment. Yes, and we've even added material on Fall and Winter recreation in Inyo-Mono, too.

Everything is in readiness for a big 1955 season. Resorts are adding facilities to accommodate the increasing number of visitors. The Department of Fish and Game is busy planting catchable-size fish in many of the more accessible lakes and streams. Camp grounds are cleaned and ready for Summer occupants. And all of Inyo-Mono business houses are getting ready to handle a record crowd of fishermen and tourists.

If you've visited Inyo-Mono before, you'll hardly need this invitation. You already know you'll find the best trout fishing in the state, some of the most beautiful mountain scenery in the West, and some of the finest resorts anywhere in the country. But, if you haven't previously made the trip to the Eastern High Sierra, you have a real thrill coming.

Yes, Inyo-Mono—a vacation area which embraces 13,049 square miles (almost the size of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, and Massachusetts combined)—invites you to enjoy its hospitality this year. A wide choice of accommodations and recreational facilities are offered. So, we urge you to check over this 1955 Fishing Guide carefully—and make your reservations at your favorite resort early.

And, again we say: "Welcome to Inyo-Mono!"



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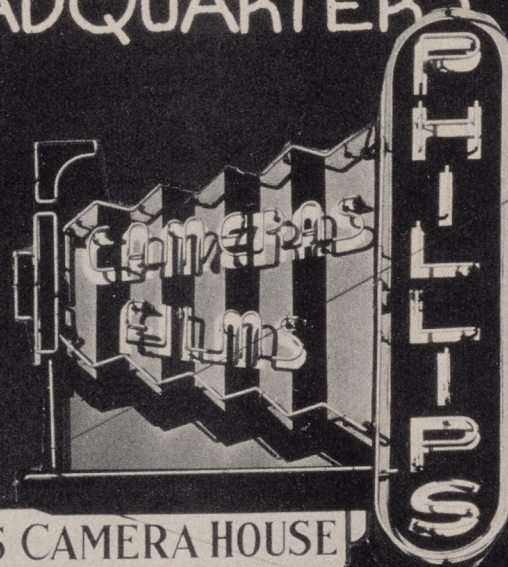
The Inyo-Mono Vacation Area, comprising two counties and more than 13,000 square miles, is depicted by the shaded area on this map. Most of the Eastern High Sierra Mountains are included in this trout "fisherman's paradise."

Yes, it's easy to reach Inyo-Mono . . . from any direction. From Los Angeles you take U. S. Highway 6; from San Bernardino, U. S. 395; from Bakersfield, U. S. 466 to Mojave and then northward on U. S. 6; from Fresno, Merced, and Stockton, San Francisco, and the Bay Area cross the Sierras on either State Highway 108 (Sonora Pass) or 120 (Tioga Pass); from Sacramento and points north, U. S. 50 to Carson City and south on U. S. 395; from Reno, south on U. S. 395; from Hawthorne, Nevada, Pole Line Road; from Tonopah and east, U. S. 6; and from Las Vegas, several roads branching westward from U. S. 95. Look on detailed highway map.

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Handy Strip Map of the Inyo-Mono Area

This strip map of the Inyo-Mono vacation area is not intended to be an accurate, detailed map. It is, rather, a rough sketch showing the relationship of the various sections within the two-county area to the north-south highway, U. S. 395 and 6. Accurate and detailed maps of the Inyo-Mono area will be found on pages 13, 14, 15, and 16 of this issue of The Fishing Guide. Maps of each of the eight regions within the Inyo-Mono area will be found at the beginning of each of the pictorial sections . . . which start on page 56 and extend through to the end of the book.

The eight general sections covered by this Fishing Guide are noted at the left. And, the dotted lines are rough divisions of each. So, if you are traveling from south to north, you can start at the bottom. Or, if you are coming into Inyo-Mono from the north, you can start at the top of the map and follow the highway downward.

The editors of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide have divided the area into eight general sections this year. They are (from south to north): Little Lake-Lane Pine, Independence-Big Pine, Bishop-Owens River, Rock Creek-Crowley Lake, Mammoth-Upper Owens, June Lake Loop, Lee Vining-Tioga Mono Lake, and Bridgeport-Coleville-Topaz Lake. (This Strip Map was Drawn by C. Lorin Ray.)

Bridgeport - Coleville - Topaz Lake

Lee Vining - Tioga
Mono Lake

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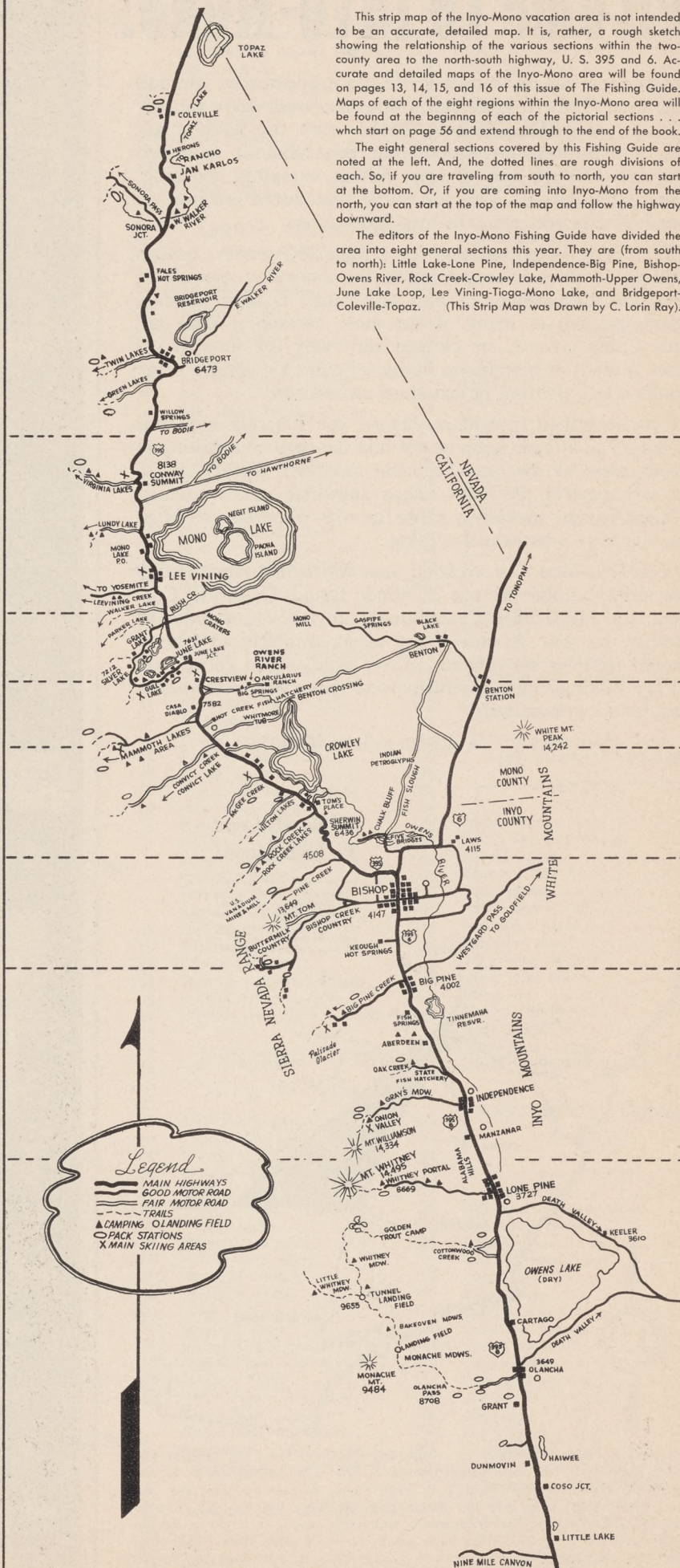
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New 1955 Fishing Regulations

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Several important changes and revisions have been made in fishing regulations for Inyo-Mono during 1955. Final action was taken at the meeting of the California Fish and Game Commission in San Francisco February 25 and their decisions are incorporated in the Digest of 1955 Angling Regulations now available where fishing licenses are sold and at many resorts and stores.

* * *

Probably of most interest to those who fish Inyo-Mono lakes and streams is the new ruling which allows the use of live chub minnows as bait in all waters east of U. S. Highway 395 in Inyo and Mono counties. Anglers, generally, will be happy with this decision.

It modifies the ruling put into effect in 1954 in which the use of all live minnows (*or parts thereof*) was barred in all the Inyo-Mono waters. The restriction is still in effect west of U. S. 395, but will enable bait fishermen to use the chubs in such important waters as Owens River, Crowley Lake, Bridgeport Reservoir, West

Walker River, East Walker River, and Topaz Lake . . . in addition to some smaller lakes and streams.

Most fishermen think that larger fish will be caught again this season as a result. They point out that the biggest trout taken on Crowley Lake last year was 11 lbs., 5 oz. where usually, with the use of the live chubs, the largest trophies have run well over 15 lbs. and sometimes nearly 20 lbs.

But time alone will tell. A clearer picture will be available when the season closes October 31. But, in the meantime, many of the bait fishermen will be happy this summer.

* * *

Another important change in the state fish and game code is the ruling against the practice of "chumming," which has been so prevalent in Inyo-Mono lakes and streams. The action was quite controversial this year, but the Fish and Game Commission—and most enforcement officers—feel that it will generally improve fishing conditions in the long run.

* * *

Still another revision in the fishing regulation that will attract more than a passing interest is the early opening of Topaz Lake at the northern edge of Mono County (*partly in Nevada*). Angling will be

Inyo-Mono Hunting Seasons Announced

So that you will be able to start planning your Inyo-Mono hunting trip early, here are the various seasons as announced February 25, 1955, by the California Fish and Game Commission. These seasons apply directly to Inyo and Mono counties:

- * DEER—September 24 to October 23, 1955.
- * PHEASANT—November 19 to December 4, 1955.
- * BEAR—September 24, 1955 to January 15, 1956.
- * CHUKAR PARTRIDGE—November 19 to December 4, 1955.
- * QUAIL—November 19 to December 31, 1955.
- * DUCKS AND GEESE—To be set by the U. S. Government at a later date.

legal on Topaz starting Saturday, April 2, and will continue through to October 31.

The early opening was brought about by the cooperation of the California Department of Fish and Game with the similar group in Nevada. Both states stock the lake (*California plants Rainbow catchable-size trout and Nevada plants Cutthroat fingerlings*) and both states have agreed that a valid license from either state is



good for all boat fishermen. Those who fish from the shore must have a valid license from the state in which they are standing.

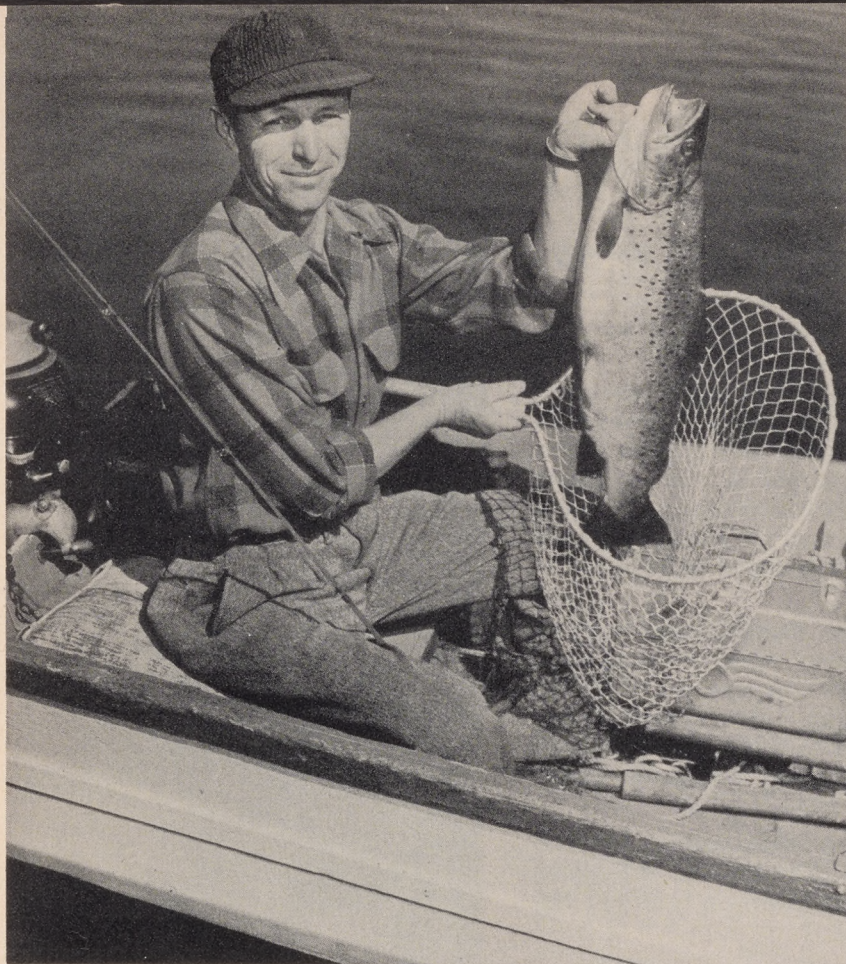
Nevada sportsmen appear quite anxious to keep Topaz Lake open all year and it is altogether likely that California will agree to this sometime in the future.

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There are several other changes in the California Fish and Game Code which affect the Inyo-Mono area and they are briefly mentioned in the summary above. Sportsmen are urged to refer to the Official Digest of 1955 Angling Regulations, published and distributed by the Department of Fish and Game, for details.

Summary of Principal Changes In 1955 Fishing Regulations

1. Trout season will open April 30, 1955, and will extend through October 31, 1955—except for specific late openings and special closures.
2. Topaz Lake in Mono County (and in Nevada) will open April 2, 1955, with the season extending through October 31, 1955.
3. South Lake in Inyo County will open April 30, 1955, with the rest of the lakes and streams. Previously South Lake had opened about a month after the regular trout season.
4. The North and South Forks of Cottonwood Creek in Southern Inyo County will open April 30, 1955, with the rest of the Inyo-Mono waters. Cottonwood Lakes will continue to open July 1.
5. The restriction against fishing within one-half mile of Crowley Lake in Mono County has been removed on the following streams: Crooked Creek, Whiskey Creek, Hilton Creek, McGee Creek, Convict Creek, and Owens River. (Note special early and late closures on the part of the streams east of U. S. Highway 395 in the Official Digest of Angling Regulations). Legal fishing, of course, continues to close on Crowley Lake July 31.
6. The practice of "chumming" has been outlawed in all of Inyo-Mono as well as in practically all other waters throughout the state.
7. Fishing with live chub minnows, native to the water involved, will be allowed in all lakes and streams of Inyo and Mono counties east of U. S. Highway 395. Restrictions against the live minnows will remain in force on the west side of this highway in the two-county area.



LYMAN KUNZE (LEFT), VAN NUYS, AND MRS. MARIE HILLMAN (RIGHT), WON TOP HONORS AT CROWLEY LAKE THIS YEAR WITH THESE BROWN TROUT.

The Big Ones... *that didn't get away*

How would you like to hook into one of the really big fellows—the huge Brown and Rainbow Trout which are caught regularly in Inyo-Mono's lakes and larger streams? Experienced anglers will tell you it is one of the greatest thrills of their lives when they hook one of these fine finny fellows, play him until he weakens, and finally land or boat him.

Every year lots of good-sized trout are taken in the Eastern High Sierra and 1954 was no exception. Several fish in the 10-14 lb. class were taken; but, for some reason or other, none larger than 14 lbs. was reported. Some anglers feel that it was because the use of live bait in Inyo-Mono waters was ruled out last year; others point out that fishermen reported much larger fish hooked, but they simply were not able to land them. Still others say: "It was just one of those years."

At any rate, one could hardly complain that those 11, 12, 13, and 14 lb. trout were not big enough. Most any dyed-in-

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If You Catch a Big Fish This Year . . .

If you catch a big fish in Inyo-Mono this year, we want to be sure to have a picture of it to publish in the 1956 Fishing Guide. So, be sure to take along your camera—or a friend who has one—and get a good clear photograph in black-and-white. (Color pictures don't reproduce well.)

Have a good clear enlargement made and send it to: The Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide, c/o Chalfant Press, Box 637, Bishop, California. Be sure to send us your name, where you caught the trout, what you used for bait, and any other interesting information. Send it as soon after you catch the fish as possible, so we'll be sure to have it in plenty of time for our next Fishing Guide.

And, if you have any other pictures you'd like to see in the next edition—send them along.

the-wool angler would give a week's pay to get one.

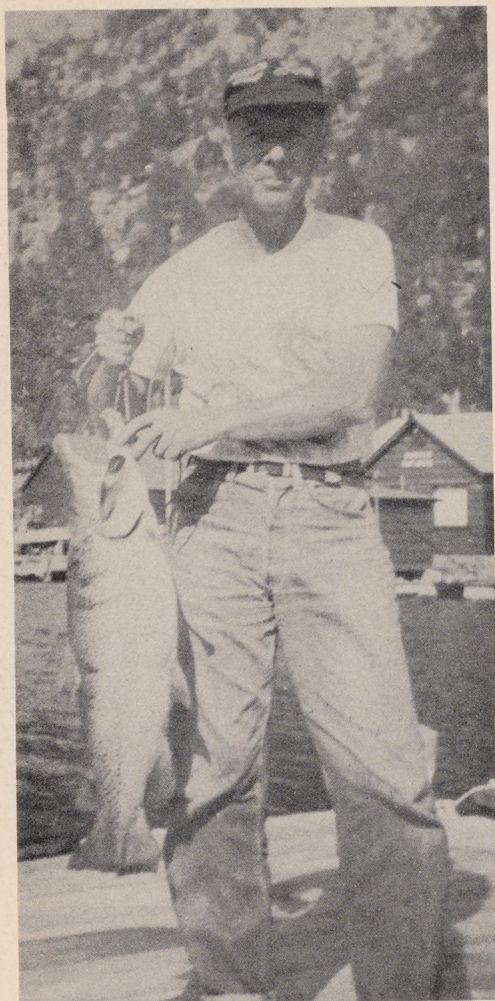
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Probably the largest fish taken in Inyo-Mono during the 1954 season was a 14 lb. male Brown Trout which Thomas K. Stalhut of Los Angeles caught on June Lake June 25. He was using a Davis spinner and an M-2 Flatfish when he hooked into this 31¼-inch beauty, the largest trout taken on June Lake in many years.

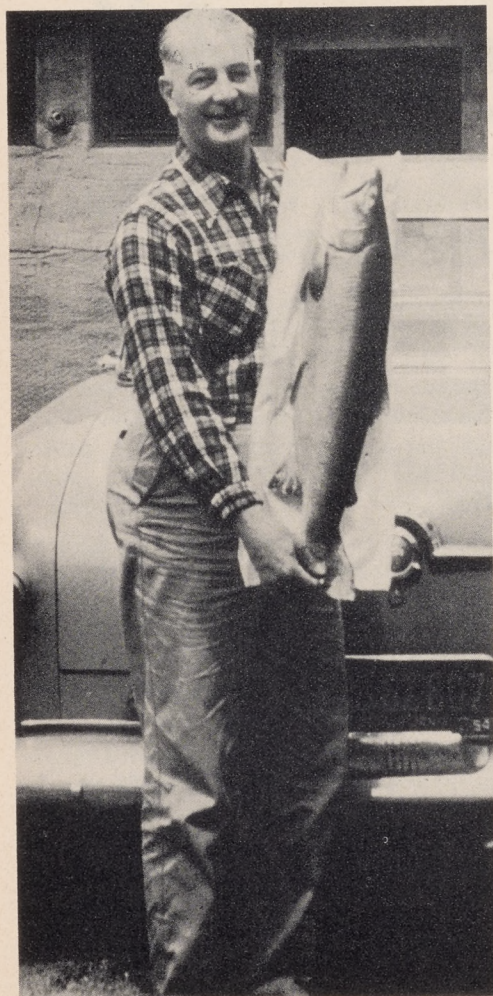
Stalhut is one fisherman who believes what he reads. Last spring he read an article in one of the sports magazines which said: "If you want to catch big fish, use big lures!" And that's exactly what he did. And, the results in this case, anyway, were excellent.

Next largest trophy fish reported caught in Inyo-Mono waters during 1954 was the 13 lb. 2 oz. female Brown Trout taken by Gerald Wiles of Tulare in the Upper Owens River, above Benton Crossing. Wiles used worms and a spoon, along with 4 lb. test leader in his hour-long fight to land the Brownie. During the struggle, which ranged more than a mile up and down the stream, the line broke twice. But

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THOMAS STALHUT
He Caught His Fish on June Lake



GEORGE GUNDERSON
He Caught His Trophy Opening Day

The Big Ones

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both times Wiles jumped in and was able to retrieve the end.

Probably the third largest trout caught in the area last year was a 13 lb. Brownie taken on Lundy Lake May 21. Don Brown of Inglewood, California, was the angler who successfully boated this beauty, using a Super-Duper lure. (A picture of Brown and his fish will be found on page 143 of this book.)

Crowley Lake, Eastern Sierra "home of the tackle busters," again produced some of the finest fish. The annual race for the lake championship was an extremely close contest in 1954 with Mrs. Marie Hillman of San Miguel finally nosing out Lyman Kunze of Van Nuys.

Mrs. Hillman boated her 11 lb. 5 oz. female Brown Trout while still-fishing with salmon egg clusters in Crowley's Mc-



Gee Bay May 26. Kunze caught his 11 lb. 4 oz. Brownie on May 3, only two days after the opening day as he was trolling in the South Landing channel with a green wobbling lure.

Another large fish, an 11 lb. Cutthroat, was caught by George Gunderson of San Anselmo on Topaz Lake, another Inyo-Mono water that often produces many really large Browns, Rainbows, and Cutthroats. He took his prize trout on opening day, May 1.

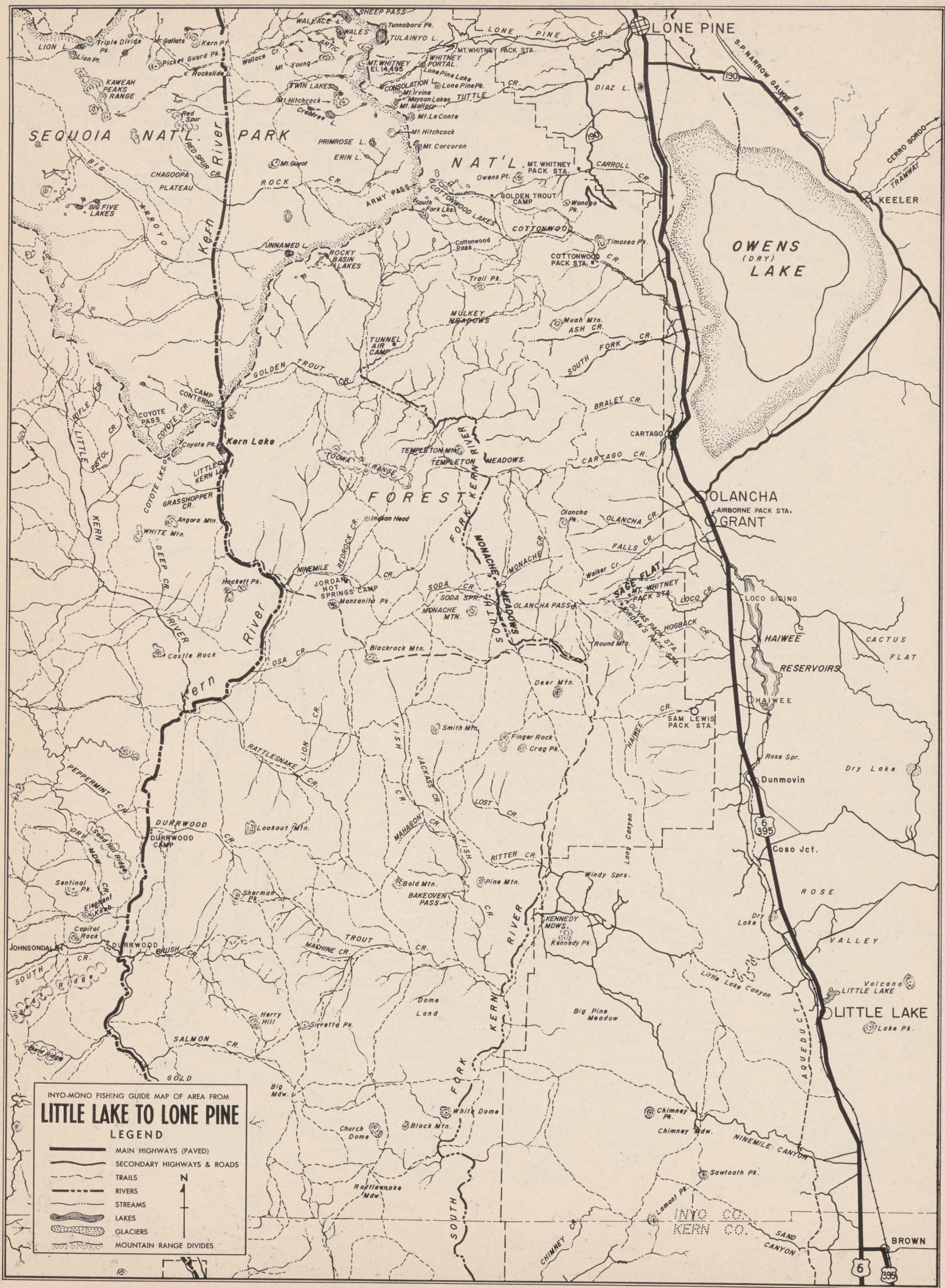
Owens River, in lower Birchim Canyon, was a "hot spot" nearly all of the 1954 season and many good-sized trout, ranging from 5 to 7 lbs. were caught. Largest reported taken there, however, was the 11 lb., 26½-inch female Brown Trout caught by Clark S. "Bill" Yarnell of Bishop late in June. He used "a big fat worm" as bait.

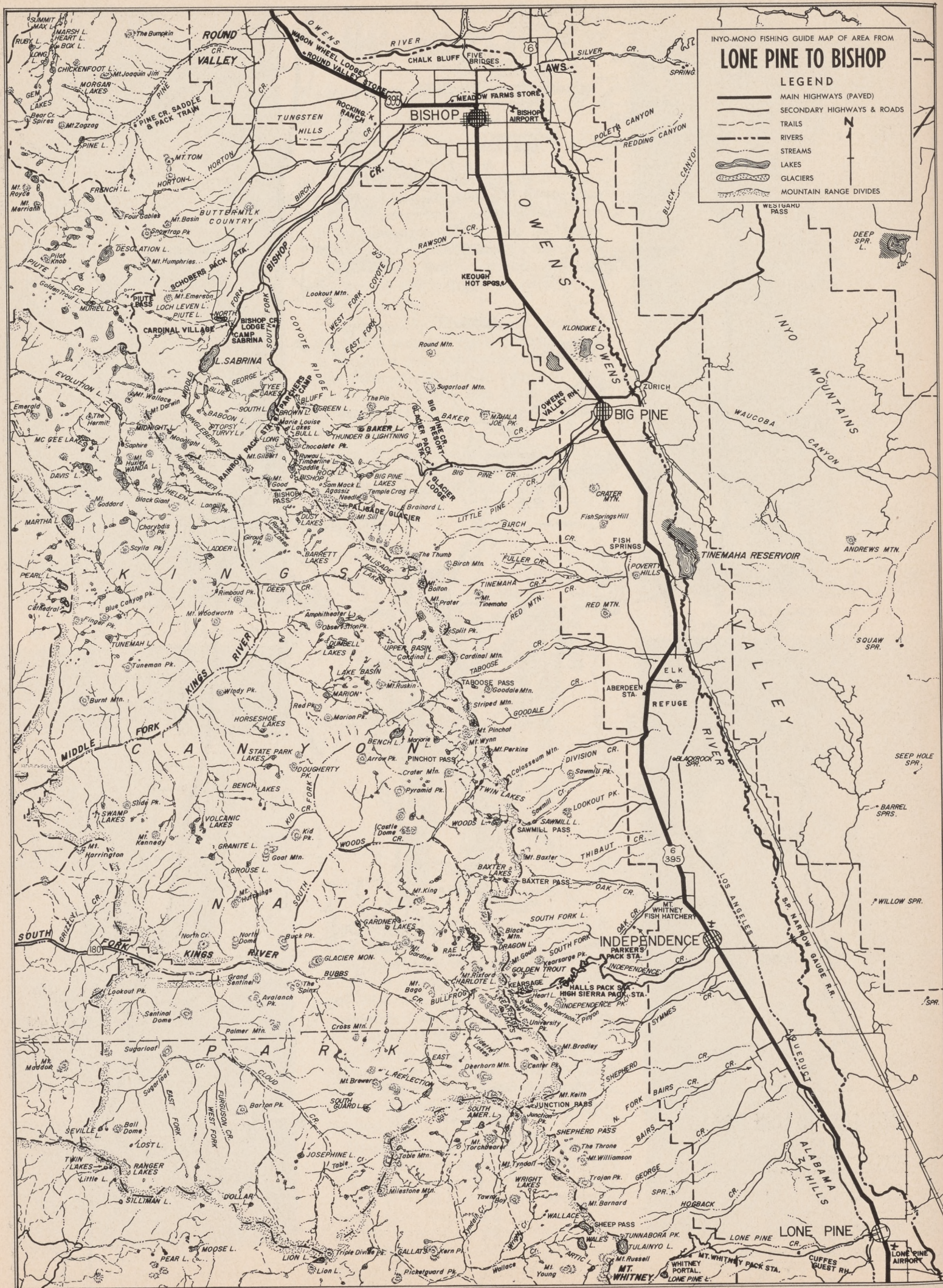


GERALD WILES
He Broke His Line Twice



CLARK "BILL" YARNELL
He Used a Big Fat Worm





LONE PINE TO BISHOP

- INYO-MONO FISHING GUIDE MAP OF AREA FROM
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You Can't Fish Them All!

...But 'Bob' Crosby Has Spent 32 Years Trying It... He's Fished 550 Inyo-Mono Lakes and May Add a Few More

...by W. A. "BOB" CROSBY

How well I remember that morning, just 32 years ago, when the boss called me in and said: "The Inyo-Mono region of the High Sierra is going to be a popular place someday—probably the greatest out-ing region in California, if not the entire United States. I want you to go up there—explore it, fish it, hunt it. Yes, I want you to know more about the Eastern High Sierra than any other person alive."

That was quite an order. I sort of smiled to myself as I began to contemplate my future job. Hadn't I been to Mono Lake, Long Valley, Tioga Pass, Bishop Creek, Rock Creek, and many other places in the mountains?

This job should be easy... and mighty pleasant, too. I'd certainly get a chance to catch a few of those fine trout—and

bag a deer or two—in the course of my explorations. Yes, it sounded real good to me, then.

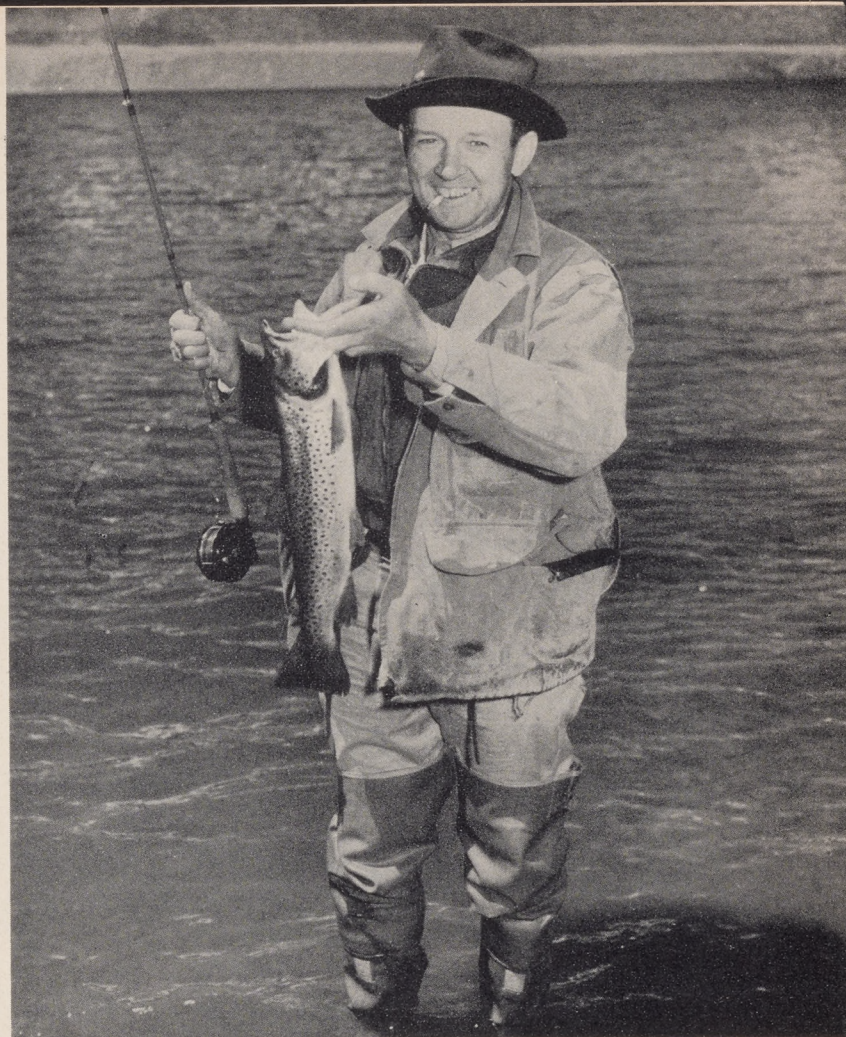
And, it still does now.

As we stood there talking, the boss and I, we gazed out upon the rugged East Wall of the High Sierras—almost untouched and little publicized—furrowed by interesting looking canyons down which tumbled inviting trout streams. And, even if you didn't like to fish or hunt, the scenery was certainly awe-inspiring.

Shortly after World War I, the tungsten mining industry, which had boomed in Inyo-Mono during the conflict, practically closed down. Bishop, and its surrounding area, was faced with the necessity of finding jobs for those who were out of work. Fortunately, the town had a Chamber of Commerce composed of live-wire, forward-looking businessmen who began to make plans to make the entire Eastern High Sierra a tourist and vacation center.

This was obviously the answer to the problem. Here was a vast virgin country, teeming with fish and game. In southern California there were millions of people who didn't have either. Why not get them to come up to Inyo-Mono—to fish, hunt, enjoy the country and, incidentally, spend some money.

A committee from the C of C contacted the Automobile Club of Southern California with their plans. The latter agreed to take over and operate an office in Bishop if the Chamber of Commerce would set it up and maintain it for a short time. In 1921 the Auto Club sent a man to Bishop to handle tourist information and, in 1923, it was made a full branch office. Bishop, therefore, is probably the smallest town in the country to have a major automobile club office. At this time W. A. "Bob" Crosby, who had been working for the State Highway Department, was hired as the full-time manager. He has held the same job ever since—and has watched his office grow at the same time he has watched the Inyo-Mono area blossom into one of the major resort areas of the country. The accompanying article, written by Mr. Crosby, tells some of his experiences.



AUTHOR "BOB" CROSBY WITH BROWN TROUT

Yes, I could readily agree with the boss. I certainly could visualize a playground in that vast wilderness area—a natural outlet for the teeming millions of people in less fortunate areas of California, and other states as well.

The year was 1923.

The High Sierras of those days were a lot different than now. The road from Mojave to Bishop was two winding tracks in the sand and if you made the trip in eight to ten hours, you were doing well. There were only four resorts in the entire Inyo-Mono area at that time—Andrews Camp on the South Fork of Bishop Creek; Raymer's Camp at Convict Lake; Carson's Camp on Silver Lake, and the Mammoth Hotel. Others built between 1920 and 1924 included: Glacier Lodge, Camp Sab-rina, Tamarack Lodge, and Boulder Lodge.

Now, in 1955, 32 years later, I must admit that I haven't been able to visit all of the lakes in Inyo-Mono. Some say there are a thousand of them; some say there are as many as 2,300. All I can say for sure is that I have visited 550 of them—and enjoyed every minute of the 32 years I have spent doing it. I'll probably find time to fish a few more before I hang up my pole and gear, but I certainly won't be able to make them all.

I doubt if anyone can. But that's no sign you can't have a lot of fun trying—like I am.

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• AT THE LEFT—Here is Round Lake, one of the fine fishing lakes in McGee Creek Basin that Author Bob Crosby and Bank Manager John Byrne were trying to reach on their hike in 1934. They didn't make it, on that interesting trip, but of course there's a much easier way of getting there. Crosby has visited it several times since that attempt. *Photo by Anne Johnson.*

You Can't Fish Them All!

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But, I guess I'm getting ahead of my story. As soon as I got settled in Bishop I started planning some trips into the High Sierras. And, just incidentally of course, I would take along my rod and reel. After all, wasn't I supposed to find out all about those lakes and streams so I could report to headquarters about trout fishing conditions here? Well, naturally.

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One of my first trips was by pack train with three friends from a point nine miles west of Crestview to Garnet Lake, passing Peak, Clark, and Thousand Island Lakes on the way. After two days of good fishing, we got ready to leave, but found that all but two of our horses were missing. Quite a situation, I'll tell you.

Well, anyhow, we decided that two of the boys would take the remaining horses and equipment and retrace our steps, hoping to find the missing animals. The other two of us were to hike down the San Joaquin River to the road at Pumice Flat. We were supposed to wait there until the others drove down and picked us up.

We arrived at Pumice Flat, all right, but after sitting around a fire until 11 p.m. we decided that something was wrong. We were plenty tired, that's for sure, but we

started hiking toward Reds Meadow anyway.

We finally got to the sawmill, which was our pre-arranged meeting place, about 1 a.m. and found one of our party. The other fellow had gone to Agnew Meadows to pick us up. There was nothing to do but go after him—which I did—and I finally found him aimlessly wandering about with a flash light. We got back to the sawmill about 3 a.m. and started for Bishop, arriving home in just about time to go to work.

And, believe me, it was a long day.

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On another trip to Shadow Lake there were seven of us in the party as we rode away from Minaret Summit. Soon it began to rain and it really turned into quite a downpour before we arrived at the lake—a bedraggled, soggy looking outfit if you ever saw one. We put up our one tent and with scraps of canvas we managed to patch together a sort of lean-to under which we built a roaring fire. By bed time we were fairly well dried out and all seven of us crawled into a 7 by 9 palmetto tent. How we managed to sleep, I don't know.

But the trip was worth it, after all. Morning came bright and clear and with the

warm sun shining on us we caught all the trout we wanted in both Shadow Lake and Shadow Creek.

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Along about 1934 I conceived the idea of hiking from the Rock Creek Basin over the summit to Mono Creek—and thence over another summit to McGee Creek Basin. I talked John Byrne, the local bank manager (a venturesome soul himself), into going on the trip and at three o'clock one September morning we shouldered our sleeping bags and left our car just above Rock Creek Lake.

We reached the crest, all right, and tried to follow the rock wall around as best we could. For hours we worked our way around the pinnacles until we finally came to a spot where we could go no farther.

The only way out was down.

Mono Creek sparkled below us and we were becoming quite thirsty . . . for water, that is. But first we had to figure out some way of getting down there, in one piece, if possible. So, we lowered our sleeping bags and creels to a flat spot in a large chute about 60 feet below.

But tragedy stalked us. As we lowered our gear, one of the creels got away and went bouncing down the chute, scattering its contents in every direction. To our horror and dismay, the first thing which flew out was our one and only bottle of Old McBreder bourbon, which naturally broke—depositing its precious liquid far and wide over the jagged rocks.

After trying for an hour or more to find a way down the precipitous slope, we finally decided to let ourselves down a narrow chute by using the pressure of our knees and elbows on the sides to keep us from slipping. We finally made it and joyfully slaked our thirst in Mono Creek which, while no match for Old McBreder, still tasted pretty good. Needless to say, we postponed the McGee Creek project for the time-being.

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Taboose Pass is one of the roughest in the entire High Sierra and I well remember my trip over it in 1936. A group of us packed in from the 8-Mile Ranch to open the deer season near Bench Lake. We set up our camp, enjoyed some excellent fishing, and on the day the season opened one of our party got a nice big buck. But

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QUICK ON THE DRAW . . . by Karl Hubenthal



The plight of the sad looking trout in the above cartoon may be a bit exaggerated, but we feel that Karl Hubenthal, ace sports cartoonist for the Los Angeles Examiner, has depicted his situation quite well . . . for opening day, that is.

Poor Mr. Trout! After a long winter, with no anglers around, he is now confronted with hooks, lines and baits of all kinds—plenty of opportunity for a choice morsel of food, no matter how dangerous. It must be quite a problem, figuring out your morning menu. Will it be a fat worm, an intriguing spinner, or a brightly colored fly? Or perhaps a salmon egg.

But, come opening day, the fish will be ready . . . and so will the fishermen, who come by the hundreds to match their wits . . . and lures . . . with the Inyo-Mono trout. Plan now to come up and join the fun. It's an event you don't want to miss!

And, you'll certainly want to see . . . and take part in . . . the Rainbow Day festivities in Bishop opening night. The Rainbow Club and Bishop merchants offer valuable prizes for the biggest fish and the best baskets of trout caught in Inyo-Mono waters that day. They'll be displayed at the parking lot near Tony's Service Station. Come and see the fish!

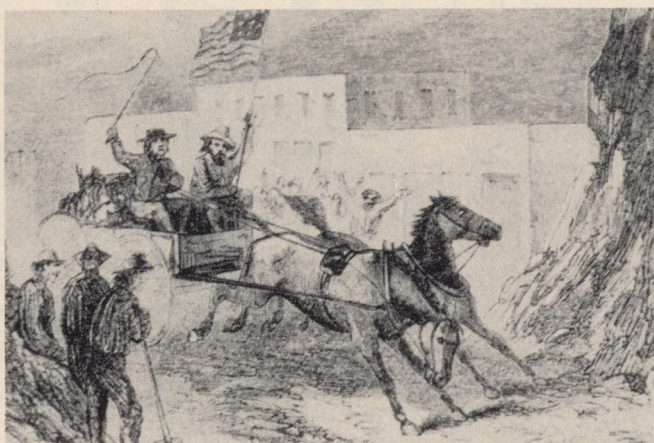


MAIN STREET OF BODIE, ONCE A BOOM MINING TOWN, AS IT APPEARS TODAY

(FRASHER'S PHOTO)

BODIE...MONO COUNTY GHOST TOWN

OLD BUILDINGS, STILL STANDING, RECALL HISTORIC MINING BOOM OF THE PAST



Departure from Bodie by Horse and Wagon



Jolly Miners Enjoying Bachelor Life

If you want to see an honest-to-goodness "ghost town," weather-beaten and abandoned, just the way the miners left it when they walked off more than a half century ago, you'll want to visit Bodie on your trip to Inyo-Mono this year.

Most of the famous ghost towns of the West have been commercialized and they're cluttered up with curio shops, snapshot photographers, modern advertising signs, and paved roads. But not Bodie—an authentic memento of the rip-roaring mining days—when life was cheap, food and liquor high, and the people lived with but one thought in mind: to get rich quick.

Only a caretaker now stays in Bodie year-around to keep his eye on this historic old town. In the summer a few more hardy souls may be found in the area—some of them even mining the gold, some traces of which still remain in the area. But, if you make the trip, you'll find it just about as it was when the fabulous gold lodes played out and the miners drifted away to more propitious looking claims. You'll find their shafts still open on the hillsides and their shacks fronting on unpaved streets. Flattened tin cans, nailed to the siding as protection, are rusting through and peeling wallpaper flutters in the wind.

Truly, Bodie is as silent as its own graveyard—well-filled with the mortal remains of many old-timers who "died with their boots on."

(The ghost town of Bodie is readily reached by good dirt road from U. S. Highway 395. You can take your pick of two roads: the northern one turns eastward at Willow Springs and is about 13 miles in length. The southern one branches off the Pole Line Road just north of Mono Lake, a distance of about 18 miles from U. S. 395.)

You may be surprised to note that the old jail (which you can identify by its iron bars) was built of wood while the buildings which seemed more important (like the liquor warehouse) were built of brick. And, if you want to delve a little deeper into early

Bodie history, you can knock loudly on the aging door of the Bodie Miners' Union building and examine the exhibits inside.

Much of what the miners left behind is displayed in the museum: iron snow shoes for horses, early day mining equipment, tobacco plug cutters, original "soda bottles" with glass stoppers, folding keys to fit in thick doors, 36-star flags which were in vogue at this early date, lanterns, scales, silver-studded hearses (which were used quite frequently in Bodie's violent history), and beautiful saddles.

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EDITOR'S NOTE—*Volumes of copy could be written about the colorful early history of Bodie, one of the really fabulous mining towns of the West, but of course we don't have the space to print it in this issue of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. However, a brief account here should prove quite interesting to many . . . and will whet the appetite for some of the more historically-minded to delve into Bodie's almost-unbelievable past. Several books and many articles have been written on this subject.*

By rights, as the saying goes, "Bodie" should be called "Body" because the gold in the area was first discovered by Waterman S. Body, a "Mohawk Dutchman" from Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1859. But, as so often is the case, the man who painted the first sign on a livery stable in that community, misspelled the name—and that spelling still stands to this day.

As it turned out, neither Body, nor his partner "Blackie" Taylor, were ever to realize financial gain—or live to see their discovery blossom into one of the great boom towns of the West. Body died five months after he staked his claims when he became lost in a snowstorm on the way to his diggings from Monoville. His partner tried to locate him when he failed to return, but the winter blizzard had taken its toll—and Body's body was not found until the snow melted in the Spring. Taylor was later killed near Benton at the outbreak of the Owens Valley Indian War.

In 1861 a mining district was organized and in 1863 the first of the big companies, the Bodie Bluff Consolidated Mining Company, was organized with the famous Leland Stanford as president. From about 1860 to 1877 there were only about 20 voters listed in the mining camps and some of the voters records still on display, at the ghost town list them and carefully describe each with visible marks or scars. You'll find them listed as so-and-so with three fingers off the right hand, the lower part of the right ear bitten off, one scar on lip from horse kick, and bullet scar on the forehead, etc.

The real stampede to Bodie began in 1878 when very rich veins of gold were reported, leading to a population of between 12,000 and 15,000 people with its

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Gold and Silver Mills Near Aurora, 91 Years Ago

How Bodie appeared to a traveling writer and artist for Harper's Magazine, J. Ross Browne, in 1864 is graphically shown in reprints of drawings which he made and had published in that well-known periodical a year later. Copies of these unique etchings appear here through the courtesy of James Clem of Reno, who has complete bound files of the Harper's Magazine since it was founded, and the Nevada State Journal, who made the photo copies.

Roving reporter Browne visited Bodie Bluff about 13 years before it became a real gold boom town and the home of many of the West's most notorious bad men. But even then, Browne had the foresight to see that there were great possibilities in the Bodie area and his magazine gave this tiny, struggling Mono County community (it was then thought to be in Nevada) a big write-up in their enterprising publication.

The writer-artist was particularly impressed with the almost unlimited amount of dust (just plain dust, that is), the jolly attitude of the miners who lived as bachelors and seemed to be quite happy that way, and the poor quality of the "snake-bite medicine," which, he said, was "more poisonous than the virus of snakes."



Bodie's Main Street As It Appeared in 1864

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FATHER JAMES KELLY, Pastor

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accompanying business which included stores, mills, saloons, gambling halls, livery stables, etc. At one time Bodie even boasted a daily newspaper, a file of which is still in existence.

A few of the wildest, maddest years the West has ever known followed. Life was extremely rough in those days and Bodie was generally referred to as "the shooters' town." The archives show that life was



Interior of Early Bodie Mine

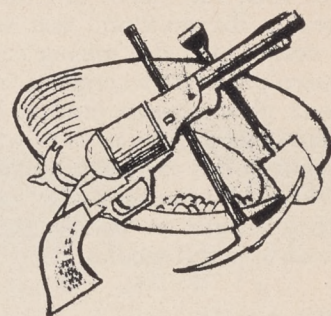
cheap—that many a man (and some women, too) met an untimely end from "lead poisoning" in their mad rush to obtain sudden riches. The expression, "A bad man from Bodie," still finds its place in American folklore. And so does the saying, "Goodby God, were going to Bodie."

Mining stocks zoomed to fabulous figures as the people rushed in from all parts of the country to make their fortune. One stock in particular rose from 50 cents to \$54 in a matter of days.

But life was difficult in Bodie. The Winter of 1878-79 was very severe and hundreds lost their lives from exposure and disease and nearly as many lost their lives by violence. As one historian puts it: "There was little housing and none of it was good. The snow was deep and there was nothing for the men and women to do but hang around the saloons, gamble, fight, get drunk, and lie out in the snow to die."

Food was scarce and big prices were paid for fresh vegetables. J. L. C. Sherwin, after which the grade out of Owens Valley north of Bishop was named, strapped 80 lbs. of potatoes on his back, hiked into the beleaguered town and was paid \$1 per pound for his fresh load.

But most of those who managed to survive the rigors of the Winter enjoyed a good Spring and Summer and many really "struck it rich" during the years of



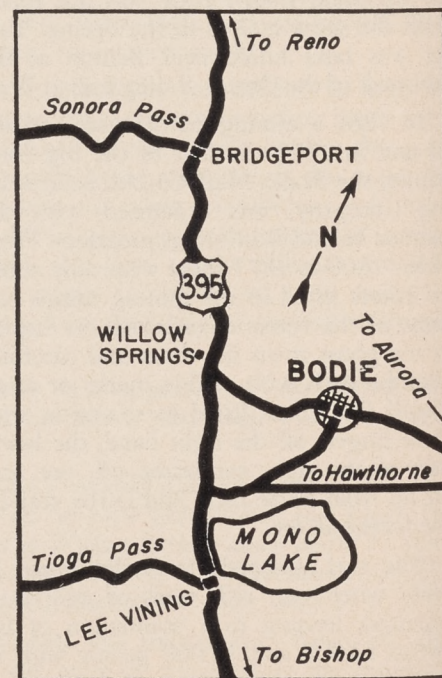
1879-1880 which were the biggest in Bodie's brief history.

After that, the once-rich veins began to play out, and the people began to drift away. By 1890, only 10 years later, the population was down to 2,000 and by the turn of the century only 1,500 stubborn citizens remained. The extremely severe Winter of 1904-05 convinced most of those left that it was a poor idea to remain at Bodie. The snow and cold were so bad that there was no mail for 23 days and no team-and-wagon bringing supplies and fresh food for 71 days. The snow remained on the ground until after July 4th.

And that was just about the end of the once-fabulous boom town. Some remained, it is true, but mining was reduced to almost nothing. People moved out of the bleak area to other more comfortable and profitable locations.

So, that, in brief, is the story of Bodie—an area which once boasted 15,000 people and whose mines produced an estimated \$80,000,000 in gold bullion—which now stands as a ghost town, mute evidence of the olden days, where easy money and easy virtue played such an exciting role.

When you visit Inyo-Mono this year, drive over and see it!



For the Flying Fisherman

Air strips, of which there are a dozen, are playing an increasingly important role, in the Inyo-Mono area. A large number of sportsmen are finding it convenient and time-saving to "take to the air" on their trips to the Eastern High Sierra. And, a large number of fishermen and hunters are using local flyers to take them in to some of the better back-country spots. There's no question about it: it saves time and effort.

Aviation is quite important to the Inyo-Mono area, as was plainly brought out at the recent hearings of the Air Space Committee in Los Angeles when the Army, Navy, and Air Force sought to restrict civil aviation to a ceiling of 4,000 feet.

Eventually, the armed forces settled for a 20,000-foot limit on civil aviation—thus



Taking Off from Long Valley Airstrip. (Photo by Steve Lukacik.)

leaving the higher altitudes for their important testing of super-sonic aircraft and guided missiles operating out of Edwards Air Force Base, Mojave, and the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake.

In all probability, this 20,000-foot ceiling for civil aviation in much of the Owens Valley south of Bishop will not affect normal flying in the Inyo-Mono area as most small planes always stay below that height anyway. Pilots are urged to find out latest information before making trip to High Sierra airfields.

For the information of those interested in flying their own planes into the area, the following brief description of 12 local fields is given. Pilots unfamiliar with the area are urged to use extreme care in crossing the mountains and landing at these strips.

For those pilots flying into the area for the first time, landing at the low-altitude fields at Grant, Lone Pine, or Bishop is recommended.

Three commercial flyers in the area, all experienced in High Sierra mountain flying, are taking a large number of sportsmen into the back country areas where landings are possible. They are: Ed Roman, who operates out of Grant; Bob White, who has his headquarters at Lone Pine; and Bob Symons, who operates from the Bishop Airport. In addition, other planes and pilots are available for special charter service and air ambulance trips.

MONACHE MEADOWS—Located 15 miles west-southwest of Olancho in Tulare County. Altitude, 8,000 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-south; (Land to the north and take off to the south only.)

TUNNEL MEADOW—Located 22 miles west-northwest of Olancho in Tulare County. Altitude, 9,100 feet; No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east-west (Take off to the west only); length, 2,000 feet; surface, dirt.

COSO JUNCTION—Located at Coso Junction on Highway 395, approximately 17 miles south of Olancho in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,380 feet. Runway: direction, north-south; length, 2,600 feet; surface, dirt.

GRANT—Located 2 miles south of Olancho on Highway 395. Altitude, 3,700 feet. Gas and oil available. Runway: direction, north-south, also east and west; length, 3,100 feet; surface, dirt.

LONE PINE—Located just south of the town of Lone Pine in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,700 feet. Gas and oil available. Runway: direction, northwest-southeast and north and south; length 2,500 feet; surface, dirt.

MANZANAR—Located 8 miles north of Lone Pine near Highway 395 in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,875 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-south, also northwest-southeast; length, 5,000 feet; surface, paved.

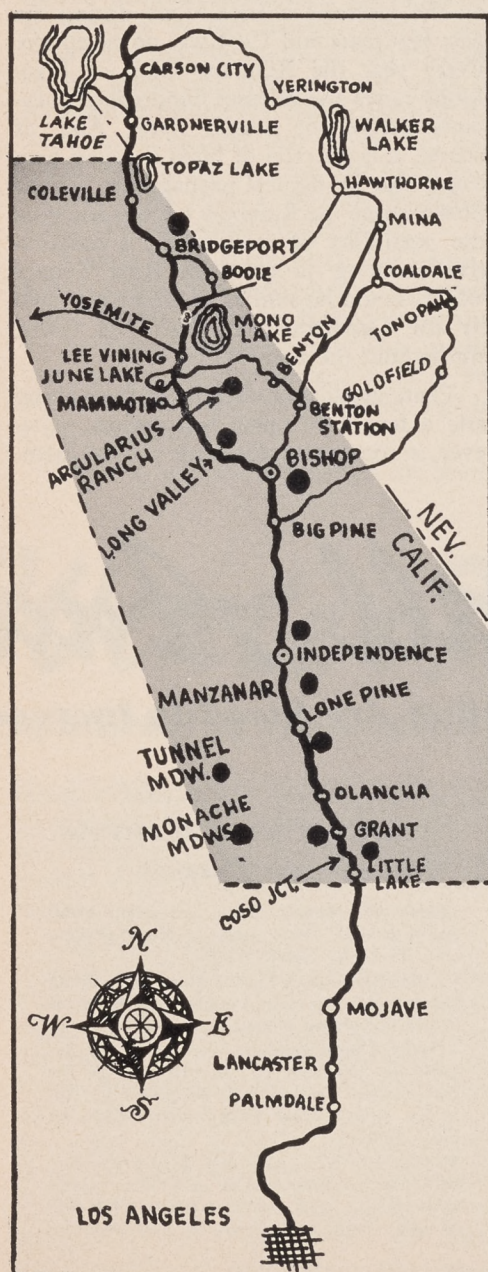
INDEPENDENCE—Located just north of the Town of Independence in Inyo County. Altitude, 3,926 feet. Gas and oil on request. Runway: landing all directions, mainly north and south. (Take off to north, with right-hand pattern.)

BISHOP—Located 2½ miles east of the City of Bishop in Inyo County. Altitude, 4,121 feet. All facilities, including gas, oil, hangar space, weather reports and teletype, radio (daylight hours, Unicom 122.8 MC), landing lights on prior request. Runways: landing all directions; length, 7,500 feet; surface, paved.

ARCULARIUS RANCH—Located 35 miles northwest of Bishop at upper end of Owens River in Mono County. Altitude, 7,100 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east west (Take off normally to east only); length, 8,000 feet; surface, dirt.

LONG VALLEY—(Sometimes called Hot Creek or Convict)—Located adjacent to Highway 395 about 25 miles northwest of Bishop in Mono County. Altitude, 7,100 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, east-west; length, 5,300 feet; surface, 5,000 feet paved, rest dirt.

BRIDGEPORT—Located at the north edge of the Town of Bridgeport in Mono County. Altitude, 6,465 feet. No gas and oil. Runway: direction, north-south; length, 3,100 feet; surface, dirt and grass.



MAP SHOWING Inyo-Mono Air Strips

Large black dots denote approximate location of 12 useable air strips in Inyo and Mono Counties only (between dotted lines). Be sure to check your flight maps and pick the safest fields if you are not already acquainted with the area!



ARTIST ROBERT CLUNIE . . . PAINTING IN BIG PINE BACK COUNTRY

What About Fall And

Fall Fishing, Painting, Deer and Bird Hunting, Skiing Are Steadily Increasing in

What about Fall and Winter in Inyo-Mono?

Does everything "button up" in the Eastern High Sierra after Labor Day? Are the highways closed when the snow begins to fall in the mountains? What in the world is there to do in Inyo-Mono when the summer season is over?

These are all good questions . . . and they should be answered. For most of the people who do not live in California's mountain country probably have the wrong impression.

First, let's talk about fishing.

True enough, Inyo-Mono's hundreds of lakes and streams get their biggest play during the summer months, when the

weather is warmest and the children of the family are out-of-school. The Labor Day weekend is always one of the largest in the season, but it usually marks the end of the weekly mass migration of sportsmen to our area.

But actually, there is no good reason for this.

Trout season in Inyo-Mono continues to October 31 each year and the veteran fishermen in the area will tell you that the best angling always comes in September and early October. Actually, that's when the local Izaak Waltons get out and do their fishing and you'll find that their results are usually good. There's another big advantage of fishing Inyo-Mono waters during September and October, too, be-

cause there are always plenty of good accommodations in the resorts and motels. And, Fall fishermen usually are able to save money on the winter rates which often go into effect after Labor Day.

Now, let's consider hunting.

Hundreds of deer hunters annually make the trek to Inyo-Mono to get their bucks because they know that these animals are plentiful on the eastern slopes of the High Sierra. Many men and women make this trip every year, not only because it gives them a chance to hunt, but also to enjoy the fun and fellowship of other sportsmen in the invigorating mountain country.

Last year a record number of deer were taken in Mono County and a large kill was reported in Inyo. And this year the season will undoubtedly be lengthened to four full weeks, instead of the three which were legalized in 1954. Pack stations throughout the entire Eastern High Sierra do a rushing business during the deer hunting season, so it is best to make plans and reservations early if you want to pack into the high country to set up your camp.

Pheasant and quail hunting have been on the increase in Inyo-Mono during the past few years and 1954 was no exception. Every year the Rainbow Club of Inyo-Mono raises and releases hundreds of pheasants before the season starts. And, of course, a large crop of birds is raised here every year by natural propagation. At the present time the Rainbow Club is studying the possibility of establishing a cooperative shooting program in Inyo County which would be similar to others operated by the Department of Fish and Game throughout the state.

There are lots of chukars in Inyo-Mono and a few were taken last season. However, in most cases, the birds proved them-

About The Pictures On These Pages . . .

UPPER LEFT—Robert Clunie, prominent artist, paints a High Sierra scene in Big Pine Canyon. (Photo by Cedric Wright.)

UPPER RIGHT—Duck hunters blaze away at the flying birds on a Mono County pond. (Dept. of Water and Power Photo.)

CENTER RIGHT—Marjorie McNeal of Los Angeles got her buck on her first shot on her first hunting trip last Fall. She made her kill in the McGee Creek back-country. (Photo by Russ Johnson.)

BOTTOM RIGHT—Jackie and Dave Cheeseman of Bishop helplessly look on as three pheasants take off . . . and they've stopped for a bite of lunch. Tough luck! (Photo by Steve Lukacik.)

selves too wily for many novice shooters who were legally hunting them for the first time in several years.

Inyo-Mono enjoyed its best dove season in two decades in 1954 and the scatter-gun artists are looking forward to more successful forays again the fast-flying birds during the 1955 season.

Duck and goose hunting in Inyo-Mono was spotty during the fall and winter of 1954. The weather was probably too mild in the early half of the split season, but shooting improved considerably the second half. Lots of geese were taken in the Coleville, Crowley, and Klondike (Big Pine) areas late in the season. And many ducks also found their way to the dinner tables.

Now, how about artists and camera fans?

It certainly is a fact that their number is increasing in the scenic Eastern High Sierra each year. A large local "artist colony" has sprung up around Bishop and many of these talented men and women now make Inyo-Mono their permanent residence. Others come up during the summer to paint or photograph the unmatched splendor of the majestic Sierras. Still others find that the beautiful Fall coloring on the leaves and trees, as they begin to turn before falling off, makes some of the finest scenic pictures that canvas and film could possibly portray. And the High Sierra mountains adds a majestic backdrop, unmatched anywhere in the world.

"I could travel to any place that I wish," Robert Clunie, eminent painter, explained, "but I prefer to live in Bishop and paint in the Eastern High Sierras. This mountain country has everything I want in the way of diversified scenery, so why should I go elsewhere?"

And that just about sums up the senti-



Winter?

ing in Popularity in Inyo-Mono

ments of the artists who are fortunate enough to make their year-around home in Inyo-Mono . . . and also the increasing number of those who come here for one season or another throughout the year.

And now about skiing.

Snow sport enthusiasts are invading the Mammoth Mountain ski area in ever-increasing numbers each year. Along about the first of November the snow begins to fall on the slopes of this mountain located about 40 miles north of Bishop, only a few miles west of U. S. Highway 395. When the skiers can find little or no snow in southern California, and other resort areas, they can almost always be sure that

What About Fall and Winter?



ON MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN SKI SLOPES ... WARMING HUT IN BACKGROUND

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there will be plenty at Dave McCoy's Mammoth Mountain slopes and that conditions will be good-to-excellent throughout the winter.

Large numbers of skiers make the drive from the Southland to Mammoth each weekend during the Winter and Spring. And, it is a fact, they are seldom disappointed. Tows are in daily operation ... and so are the warming hut and cafeteria McCoy has constructed on his slopes. Several new all-year lodges have been and are being constructed in the Mammoth area to take care of the continued upswing in popularity of the nearby ski slopes.

And here's good news! McCoy has started construction of a new 3,500-ft. double-chair lift which undoubtedly will be a big hit with skiers and will also go a long way toward popularizing the Mammoth Slopes as one of the finest ski playgrounds in the West. He plans to have it in operation for the 1955-56 snow season.

Mammoth Mountain plays host to several important meets during the winter and spring and its slopes are producing some of the finest of the United States' new ski stars. It would, of course, be impossible to list them all. But it wouldn't be fair not to mention Jill Kinmont of Bishop, a product of Mammoth Mountain Ski Club, who last year won the national junior and senior women's slalom titles at Jackson, Wyoming, and Aspen, Colorado, respectively. Ken Lloyd, Bobby Kinmont, and Dennis Osborn, as well as other Mammoth Mountain stars, have also scored heavily in regional and national meets and bid fair to increase the prestige of Inyo-Mono in future meets throughout the country ... and possibly even in the forthcoming Olympics.

And finally, how about the highways?

Highways 395 and 6 are always kept open to the Nevada border. The state highway from the Casa Diablo junction into the Mammoth ski area is cleared immediately, as soon as snow falls. And so are most other principal roads. Tioga Pass and Sonora Pass, across the High Sierras from Central California, are closed in November and remain closed usually until May. But there is ready access to the Inyo-Mono area at all times from the west by U. S. Highway 50 to Carson City, or U. S. Highway 40 to Reno ... and thence southward on U. S. 395. Or, from Bakersfield eastward across Walker or Tehachapi passes ... and then northward on U. S. 395 and 6. And, of course, U. S. Highway 395 from San Bernardino and U. S. 6 from Los Angeles are always open and afford easy access to the Inyo-Mono area from the south. From Nevada, Inyo-Mono is reached by several passes, all of which are open and easily traveled the year around.

Yes, many people are missing the sports and scenic splendors of the Eastern High Sierra when they overlook the Fall and Winter activity in the Inyo-Mono area. But the number of tourists who are traveling U. S. Highways 6 and 395 the year around, the skiers, the hunters, fishermen, artists, and camera enthusiasts, and others who are enjoying this "winter wonderland," is increasing every year.

Eventually, it is hoped, the area will be as famous for its Fall and Winter activities as it is for its summer trout fishing and camping.

BOB AND JILL KINMONT ... NATIONAL SLALOM CHAMPIONS



The Interesting Story of Owens Valley's

SLIM PRINCESS

There's nothing particularly interesting about a railroad . . . ordinary ones, that is.

But the tiny railroad which serves Owens Valley, from Laws on the north to Keeler on the south, is something special. Perhaps, if you are interested in Inyo-Mono, you'll also be interested in its railroad.

In the first place, this "Slim Princess" (*as it is affectionately named*) is narrow-gauge—with rails only three feet apart instead of the standard four. There are only three narrow gauge roads still in use in the United States, and this is the longest.

In the second place, this 71-mile railroad boasts a brand new 50-ton diesel locomotive—the only one in use on the narrow gauges in the United States.

That, in itself, is enough to make it something special. But the narrow gauge line, which has been a part of the Southern Pacific Railroad since 1900, certainly has had a spectacular history—one which parallels the growth and development of much of the Eastern High Sierra region.

Originally a part of the Carson & Colorado Railroad Company, it at one time included rails to Tonopah, with connections to the Virginia and Truckee Railway on the north. By 1883 the construction south through the Owens Valley to Keeler was complete.

But, from the start, things never went too well with the "Slim Princess." The mining boom in Nevada and the Owens Valley, which showed so much promise in 1880, didn't seem to materialize. And, for 20 years, the railroad struggled along largely on the borax and soda traffic from the Owens Lake alkali flats.

In 1900 the Southern Pacific paid \$2,750,000 to acquire the Carson & Colorado stock. This transaction seemed all that was needed to touch off a genuine new mining boom at Tonopah, Goldfield, Rhyolite, and Manhattan. The S-P found it had made a good investment and earned back its outlay during the first year of this boom.

But, in 1930, the abandonment of the narrow gauge began to take place. The Mound House-to-Churchill section of 26 miles was the first to go in 1934. Then the branch to Candelaria was abandoned, followed shortly by the Tonopah Junction-Benton



OLD NO. 9 . . . OWENS VALLEY NARROW-GAUGE

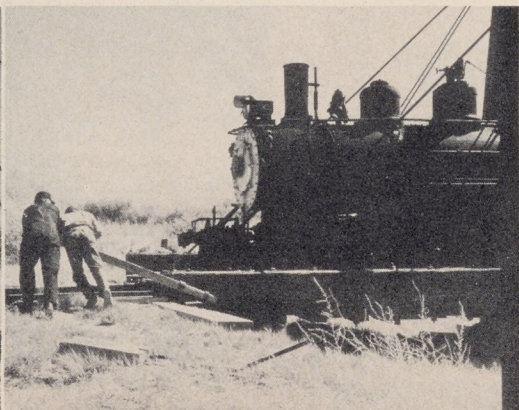
section which was dropped in 1938. In 1943 the section from Benton to Laws was abandoned, leaving only the 71-mile stretch from Laws to Keeler that is still operating.

Now, the train makes three round trips a week from Owenyo (north and east of Lone Pine where it meets the S-P standard gauge) and to Keeler and back to Owenyo as often as is required to haul the freight from that point to the standard gauge cars waiting to be filled. Practically all of its freight is industrial minerals and talc, mined near Keeler or Bishop.

Another unique feature of the line, in addition to its new diesel locomotive, is that there are no semaphore signals along the route—and only hand-cranked telephones at various intervals for communications between the train and the stations. Another interesting feature is its lone turntable at Laws—a hand-operated affair which seems to handle the job very well, with the help of a lot of pulling and pushing by the train crew.

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• **BELOW**—It's no trick at all to turn the "Slim Princess" around and start it back. No expensive round-houses and all that sort of thing. You just maneuver the locomotive on the wooden turntable (*pictured below*) and the crew does the rest, by hand. And the pictures tell the story: *Left*—Old No. 9 is on the turntable. *Center*—Two of the crew tug on the front end. *Right*—Other crewmen push on the rear. That's all there is to it. The new diesel locomotive uses it, too. *Photos by Tom Henderson.*





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| ★ Big Pine | ★ Bridgeport |
| ★ Bishop | ★ Coleville
(Topaz) |
| ★ Pine Creek | ★ Benton Station |

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SLIM PRINCESS

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While there is no passenger service on the line, the road still owns a baggage-express car constructed in 1880. The passenger cars, when they were used, were bright yellow—a symbol of the friendly service that existed then and still does. In fact, the Sacramento Bee once reported that in 1890 the officials of the line ordered its conductors to pick up and carry any man seen carrying his blankets alongside the tracks. In those days the "Slim Princess" would stop anywhere to load and unload and would always fill up the empty barrels which prospectors in the mountains would leave by the tracks.

There has been talk, at various times, that Southern Pacific would abandon this almost unique line in the Owens Valley. But



The Old and New: Slim Princess and Little Giant

the fact that in October of 1954 they purchased a new \$88,000 diesel locomotive indicates they still think the road has a future.

The people of Inyo-Mono think so, too, and are quite proud of their narrow-gauge which they always consider part of the country's history—a memento of the good old rip-roaring mining days which were such an important part of the romantic past.

And, while a good many of the old-timers sort of hated to see Old No. 9 and 18 (the tiny steam locomotives) retired after serving the road since 1909 and 1911 respectively, they are proud of the new diesel, "Little Giant," which is a symbol of the modern present and, they hope, a rosy future.



The Faithful Crew: Engineer Ferguson and Fireman Murray



JONI JOHNSON HOLDS CROWLEY CATCH AS FRIEND W. COMBS OF LONG BEACH, AND TWO SONS, WATCH (PHOTO BY STEVE LUKACIK)

Catchable-Size Trout

Are Planted in 82 Inyo-Mono Lakes and Streams

A total of 311,190 pounds, totalling 1,904,309 fish of catchable-size, were planted in 82 Inyo-Mono waters readily accessible by motor vehicles during 1954. These Rainbow Trout, ranging in size from 6 to 12 inches, provide thousands of summer visitors with good fishing and plenty of good eating.

The Department of Fish and Game plants a large part of these "catchables" before the season starts; but their trucks are also kept busy throughout the season making plants in the waters as the need becomes apparent. These Rainbows are raised in, and planted from, the Black Rock Rearing Ponds, Fish Springs Hatchery, and Hot Creek Hatchery—all located in the Inyo-Mono area.

The 82 lakes and streams, listed below from south to north, are those which are annually planted with catchable-size Rainbows. In most cases, the location, length of stream or size of lake, amount of annual plant, elevation, and accessibility are noted. Whether the stream or lake is fished heavily, moderately, or lightly is also indicated. Fingerling plants are listed in another section of this book.

Inyo County . . .

KERN RIVER, SOUTH FORK—At Kennedy Meadows (*Tulare County*); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 50-60,000 annually; accessible by road from Little Lake.

OLANCHA CREEK—At Town of Olancho; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,800-10,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1,500 annually; partially accessible by car.

CARTAGO CREEK—Approximately 1½ miles north of Town of Olancho; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,800-9,000; fishing intensity, light; partially accessible by car from Highway 395.

ASH CREEK—Second stream north of Olancho Creek; length of stream, 10½ miles; altitude, 3,800-10,000; fishing intensity, light; plants, 1,500 annually; accessible from Highway 395.

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Near Cottonwood Power Plant, about 8 miles south of Lone Pine; length of stream, 10 miles; altitude, 4,250-7,300; fishing intensity, moderate;

plants, 6,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395.

TUTTLE CREEK—Approximately 2 miles south of Lone Pine; length of stream, 12 miles; altitude, 3,800-12,000; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 2-3,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road over L. A. Aqueduct.

LONE PINE CREEK—At Town of Lone Pine; length of stream, 11 miles; altitude, 3,800-12,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-40,000 annually; accessible by road from Lone Pine to Whitney Portal.

HOGBACK CREEK—About 4 miles north of Lone Pine; length of stream, 9 miles; altitude, 4,200-12,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 2-4,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

GEORGES CREEK—About 8 miles north of Lone Pine; length of stream, 14 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,500; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 3-4,500 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

BAIRS CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Near Georges Creek, Manzanar; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,000; fishing intensity, moderate,

BAIRS CREEK, NORTH FORK—Near Georges Creek, Manzanar; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

SHEPHERDS CREEK—1 mile south of Independence; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 6-8,000 annually; accessible by road going west 1 mile south of Independence and following dirt road upstream.

SYMNES CREEK—1 mile south of Independence; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 4-6,000 annually; accessible by dirt road 1 mile south of Independence.

PINYON CREEK—South of Independence Creek, forks with this stream below Greys Meadows; altitude, 7,000; fishing intensity, light to moderate; plants, 2,500 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

INDEPENDENCE CREEK—West from Town of Independence; length of stream, 20 miles; altitude, 3,925-11,823; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 40-45,000 annually; accessible by road from Independence as far as Onion Valley (20 miles).

OAK CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Above Mt. Whitney Hatchery to Parker's Ranch; length of stream, 7 miles; altitude, 3-6,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-8,000 annually; accessible by dirt road at forks above Mt. Whitney Hatchery to the south.

OAK CREEK, NORTH FORK—Above Mt. Whitney Hatchery; length of stream 8 miles; altitude, 3-8,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 8-15,000 annually; accessible by dirt road at forks to the north above Mt. Whitney Hatchery.

SAWMILL CREEK—Near Black Rock Rearing Ponds turn-off; length of stream, 2 miles; altitude, 3,900-5,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 1,500-3,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

DIVISION CREEK—About 3 miles north of Sawmill Creek, west of Highway 395 towards Division Creek Power Plant; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity,

moderate; plants, 1-4,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

GOODALE CREEK—By Aberdeen service station on Highway 395; length of stream, 8 miles; altitude, 3-7,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 8-11,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

TABOOSE CREEK—About 2 miles north of Aberdeen; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, heavy in lower portion becoming light upstream; plants, 10-12,000 annually; accessible by turning left on Direct Road about 2 miles north of Aberdeen.

BIRCH CREEK—Near Poverty Hills and Fish Springs store (McMurray Meadows to highway); fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-7,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

BIG PINE CREEK—West of Big Pine to Glacier Lodge; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-40,000 annually; accessible by paved road as far as Glacier Lodge.

BAKER CREEK—Near County Farm at Big Pine to mouth of canyon; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

KAY CREEK—From Sabrina Road crossing to Rocking-K Ranch; fishing intensity, light; plants, 500 annually; partially accessible by road.

BISHOP CREEK, MIDDLE FORK—Above Lake Sabrina; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; accessible by good road below Lake Sabrina and then by trail.

BISHOP CREEK, LOWER—From mouth to Powerhouse 6; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-25,000 annually; accessible by good road.

BISHOP CREEK, NORTH FORK—Above North Lake; plants, 1,000 annually; fishing intensity, moderate; accessible by road to North Lake and then by trail.

BISHOP CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Below South Lake; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; entire stream accessible from various points of the road and trails.

BIRCH CREEK—In Buttermilk area above Plant 2 intake; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

LAKE SABRINA—18 miles west of Bishop (tributary to Middle Fork of Bishop Creek); area, 200 acres; depth, 210 feet; altitude, 9,170; fishing intensity, heavy to intense; plants, 30,000 annually; accessible from Bishop via good surfaced road.

NORTH LAKE—22 miles west of Bishop (tributary to North Fork of Bishop Creek); area, 15 acres; depth, 26 feet; fishing intensity, heavy to intense; plants, 6,000 annually; accessible from Bishop on good surfaced road.

SOUTH LAKE—25 miles west of Bishop (tributary to South Fork of Bishop Creek, above Parker's Camp); area, 100 acres; depth, 110 feet; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; accessible by good surfaced road from Bishop.

OWENS RIVER, SECTION II (L. A. Intake to Chalk Bluff)—Extending from Aberdeen through 5-Bridges and Chalk Bluff area; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 30-35,000 annually; accessible by roads into the area.

HORTON CREEK—In Round Valley north of Bishop (tributary to Pine Creek); length, 8 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 1-2,000 annually; accessible by road.

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Emergency Telephone Numbers . . . In Inyo and Mono



MONO COUNTY

Police . . .

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BRIDGEPORT 8311
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL . . . BRIDGEPORT 8331
SHERIFF'S OFFICE (Sub-Station) . . . LEE VINING 2371
DEPUTY SHERIFF CROWLEY LAKE 381
MONO COUNTY HOSPITAL BRIDGEPORT 8261

Fire . . .

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JUNE LAKE FOREST SERVICE LEE VINING 2507
MAMMOTH RANGER STA. CROWLEY LAKE 365
BRIDGEPORT RANGER STATION . . . BRIDGEPORT 8513

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CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL BISHOP 2281
BISHOP POLICE BISHOP 2202 Or DIAL 0
DEPUTY SHERIFF BISHOP 7362 Or 2452
BIG PINE CONSTABLE BIG PINE 571
INDEPENDENCE (Sheriff's Ofc.) INDEPENDENCE 2321
LONE PINE POLICE LONE PINE 2281
BISHOP AMBULANCE SERVICE BISHOP 8081
NORTHERN INYO HOSPITAL BISHOP 4461
LONE PINE AMBULANCE LONE PINE 2531 Or 2456
SOUTHERN INYO HOSPITAL LONE PINE 2101

Fire . . .

BISHOP FIRE DEPARTMENT BISHOP 7777
U. S. FOREST SERVICE BISHOP 2331
BIG PINE FIRE DEPARTMENT BIG PINE 800
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PINE CREEK—From Highway 395 to U. S. Vanadium mine (tributary to Rock Creek); entire length of stream planted; altitude, 4,500-11,500; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 10,000 annually; accessible by road to junction with Morgan Creek and by trail above Morgan Creek.

MCGEE CREEK—Near Buttermilk (tributary to Owens River)—Plants 1-2,000 annually; accessible by road.

ROCK CREEK, SECTION I (Birchim Canyon)—From mouth of Owens River to Tom's Place (Mono County); length of stream, 14.3 miles; width, 12 feet; average depth, 6 inches; fishing intensity, very heavy; plants, 50,000 annually; readily accessible from Highway 395 which runs parallel to it except for about 5 1/4 miles through Rock Creek Gorge.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—9 miles west from Highway 395 by good dirt road from Tom's Place; area, 50 acres; maximum depth, 90 feet; altitude, 9,927; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 15,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Tom's Place to Rock Creek Lake Store.

Mono County . . .

ROCK CREEK, SECTION II—From Tom's Place to headwaters; length of stream, 11 miles; width, 15-foot average; depth, 7-inch average; fishing intensity, very heavy; plants, 25,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Tom's Place to Rock Creek Lake Store.

CROWLEY LAKE—6 miles to north landing via Whitmore Springs from Highway 395, 2 miles to south landing from Highway 395 turn-off 1 mile south of Hilton Creek; area, 5,284 acres; maximum depth, 114 feet; altitude, 6,782 feet; fishing intensity, heavy (especially from boats); plants, 100-200,000 annually.

HILTON CREEK—Near Crowley Lake, off highway from Hilton Creek Lodge; length, about 1 mile; width, 5-foot average; depth, 4 inches; altitude, 6,700; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 4-5,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395 crossings and by roads of Hilton Creek Lodge and Waterson Land Company for about 1/2 mile above.

MCGEE CREEK—Near McGee Creek Lodge (tributary to Crowley Lake); length of stream, 8 miles; width, 10-foot average; depth, 6-inch average; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 9-15,000 annually; accessible by road which closely parallels it from a point about a mile below highway 395 to Convict Lake.

CONVICT LAKE—2 1/2 miles west of Highway 395, Long Valley (tributary to Convict Creek); area, 168 acres; altitude, 7,576; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-65,000 annually; accessible by good paved secondary road to outlet end of lake, good graded dirt road crosses bridge at outlet and ends at public camp on east side of lake.

SHERWIN CREEK—(tributary to Mammoth Creek); length of stream, 4 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 2-3,000 annually; accessible by road mainly in vicinity of Sherwin Creek public camp ground.

MAMMOTH CREEK—Crosses Highway 395 1 mile south of Casa Diablo (tributary to Hot Creek); length of stream, 7 miles; average width, 22 feet; average depth, 5 inches; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-30,000 annually; accessible by car in various locations, including the vicinity of Old Mammoth.

LAKE MAMIE—Mammoth Area; area, 11.4 acres; altitude, 8,800; fishing intensity, heavy; plants 5-6,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road, 1/2 mile from Mammoth Lakes highway to outlet from Lake Mary.

LAKE MARY—Mammoth Area; area, 69.5 acres; altitude, 8,931; fishing intensity, heavy from both shore and boats; plants, 30-40,000 annually; readily accessible, as it is immediately adjacent to Mammoth Lakes highway, good secondary road around southeast end of lake.

LAKE GEORGE—Mammoth Area, 2/3 miles southwest of Mammoth Lakes highway; area, 32 acres; altitude, 9,060; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-16,000 annually; accessible from Mammoth Lakes highway via good dirt road crossing outlet of Lake Mary, turn off 1/2 miles southeast of Lake Mamie outlet.

TWIN LAKES—Mammoth Area; area, 7.45 acres, Lower; 15.7 acres, Center; 12.84 acres, Upper; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-40,000 annually for the three lakes; accessible by good secondary road, only 1/4 miles from main Mammoth Lakes highway.

HORSESHOE LAKE—Mammoth Area, 1/2 mile west of Lake Mamie; area, 28.4 acres; altitude, 8,880; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 3-5,000 annually; accessible from Mammoth Lakes highway (immediately adjacent to end of this road.)

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, UPPER MIDDLE FORK (Madera County)—From headwaters to Rainbow Falls at Reds Meadows; length of stream,



12 miles; altitude, 7,100-9,850; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-30,000 annually; accessible by road and trail at Reds Meadows.

SOTCHER LAKE (Madera County)—Near Devil's Post Pile at Reds Meadows; area, 40 acres; altitude, 7,650; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 8-10,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Mammoth Lakes highway to Reds Meadows.

STARKWEATHER LAKE (Madera County)—Reds Meadows area; area, 8 acres; altitude, 8,880; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 1,000 annually; accessible by short trail (2 minutes) from Mammoth Lakes, Reds Meadows.

MCLEOD LAKE—Mammoth Area; 1/2 miles from end of Mammoth

Lakes highway; area, 9.5 acres; altitude, 9,250; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 1,500-4,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Horseshoe Lake, thence 100 yards by good foot trail to lake shore.

HOT CREEK—Near Hot Creek Hatchery (tributary to Owens River); entire stream planted; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-50,000 annually; accessible by roads and trails.

OWENS RIVER, SECTION IV—Big Springs to Benton Crossing; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-30,000 annually; accessible from highway crossings.

JUNE LAKE—1 mile southwest from Highway 395 at June Lake Junction; area, 310.9 acres; altitude 7,612; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 80-100,000 annually; readily accessible by good surfaced road.



GULL LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 68.6 acres; altitude, 7,594; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-20,000 annually; accessible by surfaced road from June Lake Junction (3 miles).

SILVER LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 118.4 acres; altitude 7,212; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-40,000 annually; accessible by good surfaced road from Highway 395 at June Lake Junction (7 miles).

GRANT LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 1,095 acres; altitude, 7,135; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 65-70,000 annually; accessible by surfaced road from Highway 395 at Grant Lake Junction (5 miles).

LITTLE WALKER LAKE—5 miles west of Highway 395; area, 76 acres; altitude, 7,926; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10,000 annually; accessible by unimproved road from Highway 395. *(Two gates on the road are maintained in the summer by the City of Los Angeles and the Walker Land Company, a private organization controlling the lake).*

RUSH CREEK—June Lake Loop, extends from Silver Lake to Grant Lake; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants 30-40,000 annually; accessible from June Lake Loop highway.

LEE VINING CREEK—Off Tioga Pass Road (tributary to Mono Lake); entire stream planted; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 15-25,000 annually; accessible by dirt roads and trails from Tioga Pass Road to Ellery and Tioga Lake.

ELLERY LAKE—Top of Tioga Pass Road; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-6,000 annually; accessible from State Sign Route 120.

LUNDY LAKE—Near Conway Summit; area, 63 acres; altitude, 7,755; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-30,000 annually; accessible by graded dirt road from Highway 395 (4½ miles).

GREEN CREEK—Near Conway Summit; length of stream, 6 miles;

fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-20,000 annually; accessible by Summers Meadow Road from Highway 395 on Conway Summit (3 miles).

TRUMBULL LAKE—Off Highway 395 at Conway Summit; area, 12 acres; altitude, 9,200; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 5-6,000 annually; accessible by dirt road to resort from Highway 395 (6 miles).

VIRGINIA CREEK (Formerly known as Dog Creek)—Near Conway Summit; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-10,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit (6 miles).

VIRGINIA LAKE, LOWER—Conway Summit Area (tributary to Virginia Creek); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 5-8,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit.

VIRGINIA LAKE, UPPER—Conway Summit Area (tributary to Virginia Creek); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-12,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR—Near Bridgeport; area varies, 2,000 acre maximum; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25,000 annually; readily accessible by road from Bridgeport.

ROBINSON CREEK—2 miles north of Bridgeport; length of stream, 18 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 23-35,000 annually; accessible by dirt roads which cross at Bogard's Camp and Honeymoon Flat, also by dirt road which parallels the stream for much of its length from Twin Lakes to Honeymoon Flat.

TWIN LAKES, LOWER—14 miles southwest of Bridgeport; area, 375.6 acres; altitude, 7,092 feet; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 30-75,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

TWIN LAKES, UPPER—16 miles southwest of Bridgeport; area, 264.3 acres; altitude, 7,096; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 50-75,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

LEAVITT CREEK—North of Bridgeport, from West Walker River through Leavitt Meadows; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 2-3,000 annually; accessible from State Sign Route 108.

BUCKEYE CREEK, LOWER—Bridgeport Area (tributary to Robinson Creek); fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1,500-3,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

SWAGER CREEK—Bridgeport Area (tributary to Buckeye Creek); planted Huntoon Camp to Canyon; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 4-6,000 annually; accessible by road from Bridgeport.

WALKER RIVER, WEST—From Topaz Lake to Leavitt Meadows; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 75,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395 which parallels it much of the way.

WALKER RIVER, LITTLE—Sonora Junction to West Walker River; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 10-15,000 annually; accessible by Highway 395 and cross roads.

TOPAZ LAKE—On California-Nevada State Line; area, 1,300 acres; altitude, 4,990; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 15,000 annually.

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You won't believe it, unless you see it. And, even then, you'll probably be a bit skeptical.

We are referring, of course, to the unique stand of Bristlecone Pines on the wind-swept slopes of the White Mountains north and east of Bishop. Half-dead and half-living, these remarkable trees have withstood the ravages of the centuries. Many of them are more than 1,000 years of age. The age of at least one has been definitely established at 1680 years. Others may be slightly older.

Experts agree that these Bristlecones are the oldest pine trees in the world, exceeding by several centuries the most ancient previously reported.

While they can't compare to the giant Sequoias in age (*some of which are known to exceed 3,000 years in age*), these Bristlecones are perhaps even more remarkable in that they have lived these hundreds of years in extremely adverse conditions—with very little rainfall, almost constant wind, and an extremely rocky topsoil. And yet, it appears, they are reproducing and surviving in this lonely area at an extremely high elevation, varying from 9,900 to 11,419 feet.

Surrounding the old trees—some of which are dead, some partly dead—are young trees, fully alive and growing, which apparently have a long span of life to look forward to.

The trees are of various sizes and shapes, but none are very tall. And, of course, all of these specimens cannot be included in the White Mountain Natural Area, which was officially created in November 1953 to protect them. Actually, the largest, located a few hundred yards west of the protected area, boasts a circumference of 37.7 feet. In 1951 this "patriarch" was officially recognized by the American Forestry Association as the champion of its species.

The fact that this stand is almost pure Bristlecone Pine and that it can be studied readily by tree scientists was largely responsible for its establishment as a Natural Area by the U. S. Forest Service. During the summer of 1953 a group of notable scientists made the trip into the White Mountains and all reported that the trees should be protected by government order.

They included: Herbert L. Mason, professor of botany and director of the herbarium, University of California; Woodbridge Metcalf, Extension Forester, University of California; Dr. N. T. Mirov, plant physiologist of the California Forest and Range Experiment Station; Robert A. Cockrell, professor of forestry, University of California.

In addition, other experts have made a study of the area including Edmund Schulman, formerly of the Division of Geological Sciences of the California Institute of Technology and now associate professor of dendrochronology at the University of

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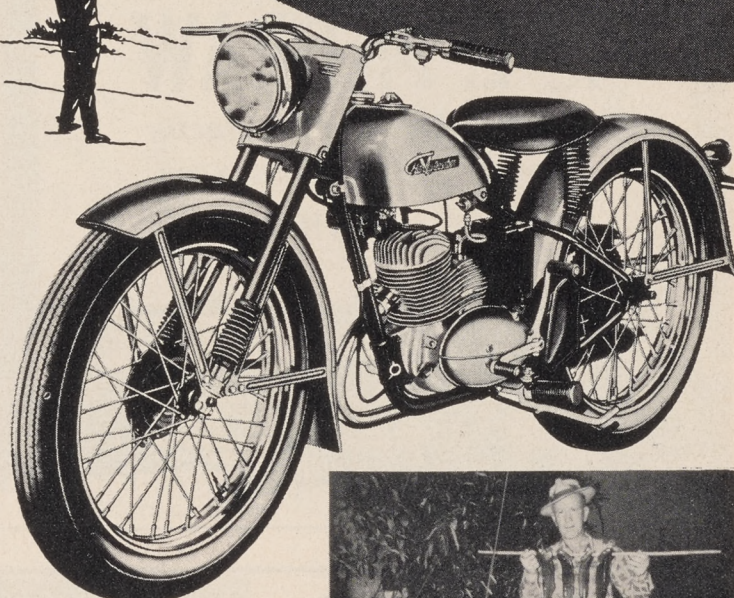
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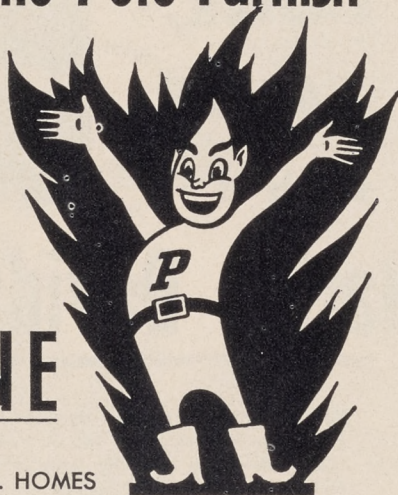


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Arizona. Schulman used his preliminary study of the Bristlecone Pines as the basis for an article which was published in "Science" magazine in March 1954. He is continuing his study of the trees.

People come and go. Governments change. Men fight wars, develop new inventions, create atom and hydrogen bombs. But these old patriarchs remain—standing their lonely vigil on the rocky mountain sides, watching the passing parade.

What a story they could tell! What great events of history they could recall! . . . the fall of the Roman Empire, the Dark Middle Ages, the discovery of America, the Revolutionary War, the western march of the White Man, and other comparatively recent events.

Having "gone it alone" for many centuries, these aging trees are now enjoying the protection of the Forest Service and are regularly checked by the rangers of the Inyo National Forest of which they are a part. Until November 1953, some of the Bristlecone wood was cut and hauled away—some to be used as fuel, other to be used for making outdoor signs and panels where the unusual grain and rings make it quite unique.

But now this stand of almost pure Bristlecone Pine, which lies within the Natural Area of 2,330 acres, is protected by law. And the trees cannot be legally cut or damaged in any way.

That, however, is no sign they cannot be seen and enjoyed by the hardy type individual. The fantastic and weird shape of the trees in their bleak setting creates an almost unbelievable subject for pictures. And camera enthusiasts and artists will undoubtedly make the rugged trip to this area in increasing numbers when they grasp the picture possibilities, some of which are shown in this book.

Visitors are free to come and go as they like, according to W. S. "Slim" Davis, supervisor of the Inyo National Forest, but the trip into the Bristlecone area is not easy. Only access is by the White Mountain Research Station Road, which branches off the Westgard Pass highway, east of Big Pine, at the Cedar Flat intersection. The road northward (*about 20 miles from the intersection to the Natural Area*) is steep and rough in places and the use of a jeep or other four-speed transmission vehicle is strongly recommended.



Largest Bristlecone in the World . . . and Still Living



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• PHOTOGENIC—This Bristlecone Pine specimen is well over 1000 years old and is half-living, half dead. But it makes an interesting photo on the wind-swept slopes of the White Mountains. *Photo by Al Hove.*



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• LEFT—Here's a branch from one of the Bristlecone Pine trees in the Natural Area set aside by the U. S. Forest Service. Notice the unusual long, cones,

• BELOW—Gloria Redmon points to the erosion marks on the side of one of the ancient Bristlecones. Wind and sand have been working on this tree for centuries . . . and the marks show . . . but this hardy specimen keeps on living. Photos by Tom Henderson.

• BELOW—Gloria Redmon of Victorville (left) and Forest Ranger Charley Peyrone of Bishop read the sign at the edge of the Bristlecone Pine stand. This "White Mountain Natural Area" was set aside by the U. S. Forest Service in 1953 so that it can be used for scientific study. You can't cut the wood, but there's nothing to stop you from visiting the area. And you'll enjoy the scenery and the unique photo possibilities. Photo by Tom Henderson.



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Movies in The High Sierras

Inyo-Mono has, for many years, been a favorite location for some of Hollywood's top movie men who want mountain, desert, or other unusual settings for their pictures. The year 1954 was no exception, with at least three big features filmed here.

As it happened, all three were "shot" in the Lone Pine area where the unique formations of the Alabama Hills, against the background of Mt. Whitney and other High Sierra peaks, are a "natural" for Western thrillers. The sand dunes to the south and east also were utilized for desert scenes.

The three pictures filmed here in 1954 were: Columbia Studio's "Violent Men," starring Glen Ford, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward G. Robinson, and others; 20th Century-Fox's "Adventures of Hajja Baba," starring Elaine Stewart and John Derek; and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Bad Day at Black Rock," starring Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan, Anne Francis, and Walter Brennan.

In addition, several movies were filmed in the Inyo-Mono area the year before and released during 1954, including: "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," starring Howard Keel and Jane Powell, which was "on location" in the Mammoth Lakes area for several weeks; "Fair Winds to Java," starring Fred MacMurray and Vera Ralston, which was "shot" largely on Mono Lake with the famous craters in the background; "Rose Marie," starring Fernando Lamas and Ann Blyth, filmed in the Mammoth Lakes area; "Long, Long Trailer," starring Lucile Ball and Desi Arnaz, which had some scenes in several different Inyo-Mono locations, from Mammoth to Lone Pine; "The Stranger Wore a Gun," featuring Randolph Scott, taken in the Lone Pine-Alabama Hills area; and "King of the Khyber Rifles," starring Tyrone Power, filmed

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• AT THE RIGHT—These scenes are taken from movies made in the Inyo-Mono area during 1954. *Top*—Glen Ford and two companions ride in the foreground with the Alabama Hills and Sierras in the background in "Violent Men." *Next to Top*—Alabama Hills furnish the setting for this scene from "Adventures of Hajja Baba." *Next to Bottom*—Spencer Tracy and Walter Brennan are in this scene from "Bad Day at Black Rock." *Bottom*—The sand dunes east of Olancha are the setting for this desert scene for "Hajja Baba." *Photos Courtesy of Movie Studios.*



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largely in the Alabama Hills and desert areas to the south and east.

So, as you can readily see, movie-making has become an interesting sidelight to the entertainment and economy of the Inyo-Mono area. When a studio has a large group on location, it is quite natural to see some of Hollywood's biggest stars eating in one of the local cafes, walking along the streets of one of the towns, swimming in one of the pools, or fishing on the banks of one of the streams or lakes.

Then, too, lots of movie stars like to come up to Inyo-Mono for fishing, hunting, or just plain rest and relaxation. Many of them come and go without any fanfare. Sometimes hardly anyone knows it, for they want it that way. But, among those who visited Inyo-Mono during the past season were: Clark Gable, Bob Hope, Jane Russell, Van Heflin, Lon Chaney, Jr. Elisha Cook, Jr. (he makes his home in Bishop), Reginald Owen, Bill Elliott, Rod Cameron, and others.



• ABOVE—Robert Ryan (*right*) introduces himself to Spencer Tracy in a scene from "Bad Day at Black Rock" which was filmed last year in the Lone Pine area. Notice the Sierra peaks in the background of this fine picture.

• BELOW—Glen Ford (*right*) talks to his ranch foreman, Warner Anderson, in this scene from "Violent Men" which was also filmed in the Inyo-Mono area in 1954. Notice the Alabama Hills and mountains in the background.



HORSEMEAT HARRY... by Jack Foley



Have you met Horsemeat Harry?

If you haven't, you're lucky. For he's the serpent of Fisherman's Paradise—the guy who stinks up the lakes and streams he haunts.

Harry is a breed of fisherman who, when frustrated, answers the urge of "get a horse." Yes, he'd probably stick a whole horse on a hook if the thing was big enough. He's dumped so much horsemeat in some of the lakes and streams that some of the trout are beginning to look like nags.

Sporting blood will tell, they say, and Harry traces his ancestry back to Sure-Shot out of Putrid—from the stable that made a fortune canning dead horses for our troops in the Spanish-American War. On his sire's side, the pedigree shows Sly Guy out of Bad Odor, out of Get-a-Horse.

At the crack of dawn—or earlier—Horsemeat Harry usually has an over-the-limit catch sizzling in the pan. To him there's nothing like breakfast of trout from his favorite hole and it matters not that these fish have the flavor of old Dobbin. On these cold, misty dawns, Harry's baits are choice tidbits of the Old Gray Mare variety—so effective on the end of a hook or in a crab trap. Yes, sir, the Old Gray

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Mare just ups and becomes just what she used to be.

In rough streams, Horsemeat Harry resorts to the bronco-type bait, which stays on the hooks for at least three jumps. What the heck! If you're having fun and there are no wardens around, never mind the expense! Just open up another can and stink up the stream some more.

In the high altitudes he uses more white horse than dark horse. They seem to blend better with the missing mule or burro advertised in all the Shoshone police bulletins. In the early evening, when twilight is in a mellow hue, Horsemeat Harry might be caught using a hock of Palamino—blending so neatly with the soft drapes that fold over the Sierras at eventide. On days when Nature clothes herself in brilliant colors, Harry might be caught reaching for a can of quick-ready-mix Pinto. It's so effective.

But, here we have to leave Horsemeat Harry—who smells as bad as the bait he has been using—with the fervent hope that some day he'll choke on some of his choice cuts of rump and shoulder with which he has been feeding the fish—and ruining the lakes and streams for the thousands of other anglers, who still think of fishing as a sport.



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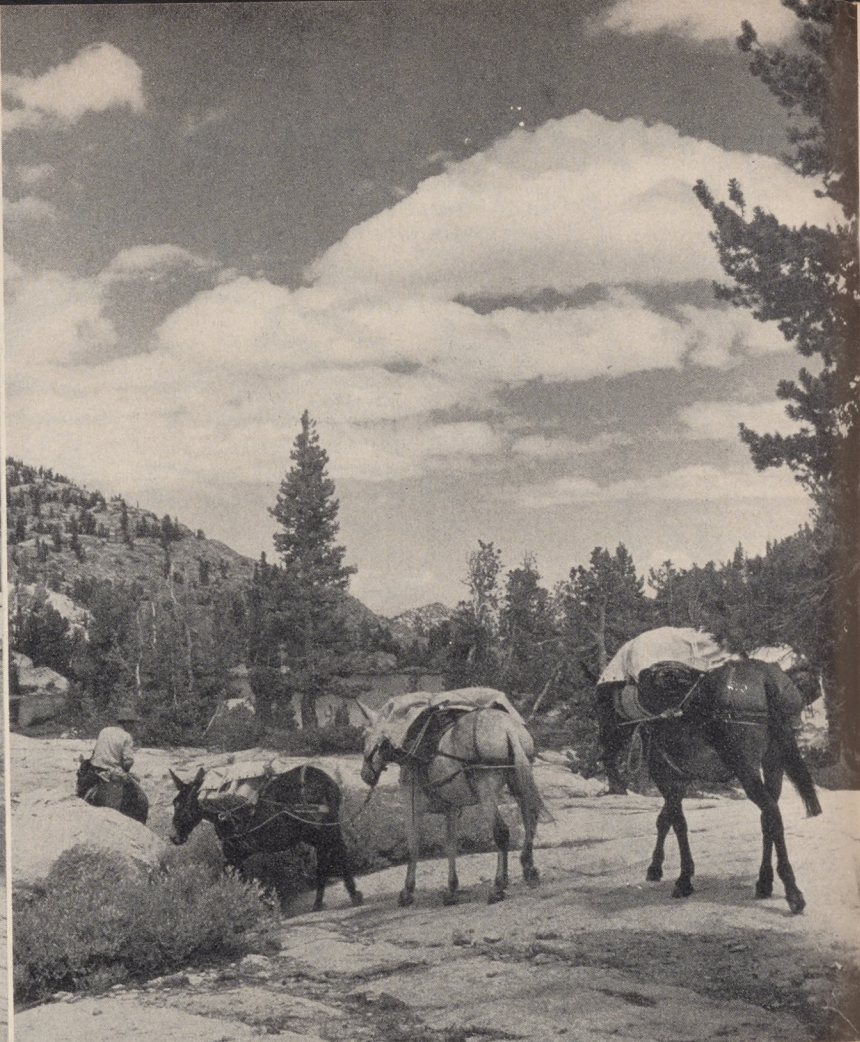
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PACKING INTO SABRINA BASIN CAMP

A Summer Home in the Sierras

Here's one family which has solved the summer vacation problem for themselves . . . and a lot of other people, too.

Meet Pete and Astrid Archer, an unusual and friendly couple from Long Beach, who dearly love the High Sierras and take great delight in helping their friends enjoy a real back-country vacation, at a comparatively low cost.

It all happened this way:

The Archers have been coming up to Inyo-Mono regularly for several years. You see, Pete is a swimming coach at Wilson High School in Long Beach and he gets nearly three months' vacation each summer.

Friends had often expressed an interest in the High Sierras, but a comparatively few ever made the trip up here. So, Pete and Astrid decided to make it easy for them by establishing a central camp in the back-country, where any friends could come and stay as long as they liked.

So last July, shortly after school was out, the Archers had their supplies and equipment packed into a spot above Dingleberry Lake in Bishop Creek's Sabrina Basin.

"This place has everything," Pete points out, "including tumbling streams, granite spires, glaciers, a dozen or more good lakes, and some of the most wonderful fishing in the Sierras."

Apparently their location was a good choice. They enjoyed themselves completely, stayed until September, and played host to a lot of their friends. In fact, the Archers had as many as 24

people in their camp at one time, taking advantage of the extra sleeping bags, tents, and food that are always kept on hand.

And what about the children? Well, naturally, they have the time of their lives.

If you visit the camp you'll probably see the younger Archers playing on the rocks, swimming in one of the smaller, shallower lakes, or fishing in a nearby stream. There's Steven, age 13, Wendy, 9, and Robyn, 5—three wonderful children who have inherited their parents' love of the out-of-doors.

Last summer, along with many others, Steve and Ruth Detzer from Palos Verdes Estates, long-time friends of the Archers, visited the camp with their two children, Deborah, 7, and Eric, 6. Two other friends came along, too—Jim Lockyer, 14, and Kathi Hickerson, 11.

Ordinarily, four adults "riding herd" on eight youngsters would seem like quite a problem in the mountains; but you'd be surprised how smoothly things go around the Archer camp! Yes, there were a few stubbed toes or a bump on the head, now and then, but no hot rods, traffic problems, or skid marks on the pavement.

And, above all, no big rush. Everybody takes it easy.

Pete and Astrid Archer are already making plans for another camp in the Sabrina Basin this summer. And, they certainly would enjoy having you stop by and say "hello." The coffee pot is always on the stove. And, if you're there early enough in the morning, Astrid will dish you up a stack of buckwheats that are really "out of this world."



• What a life! The Archers and their friends really enjoy their summer vacation in the High Sierras . . . and here's a picture to prove it. Astrid Archer soaks up some of the Sierra sun on the shore of an un-named lake in the Sabrina Basin. Mt. Haeckle rises majestically in the background. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• The children love it! Here Deborah Detzer, Eric Detzer, and Robyn Archer stick their heads out of the pup tent in which the boys sleep at Archer's informal back-country camp in the Sabrina Basin. "Never had so much fun in our lives," they say. "Hope we can come back next year." *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



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• Ruth Detzer (*left*) serves a tasty lunch to her children, Eric and Deborah, Kathi Hickerson, and her husband, Steve Detzer, at the Archer's back-country camp in the Sabrina Basin. These folks are all from Palos Verdes Estates and they visited the Archers at their informal headquarters near Dingleberry Lake last summer. Notice that they have "all the comforts of home"—a metal grill over hot wood fire, comfortable logs to sit on, and a tent to dress and sleep in if they so desire. There's an interesting looking stream in the background, too, and plenty of shade. What more could one ask? And the children? It appears they're really looking forward to some of that fine outdoor cooking. *Tom Henderson Photo.*

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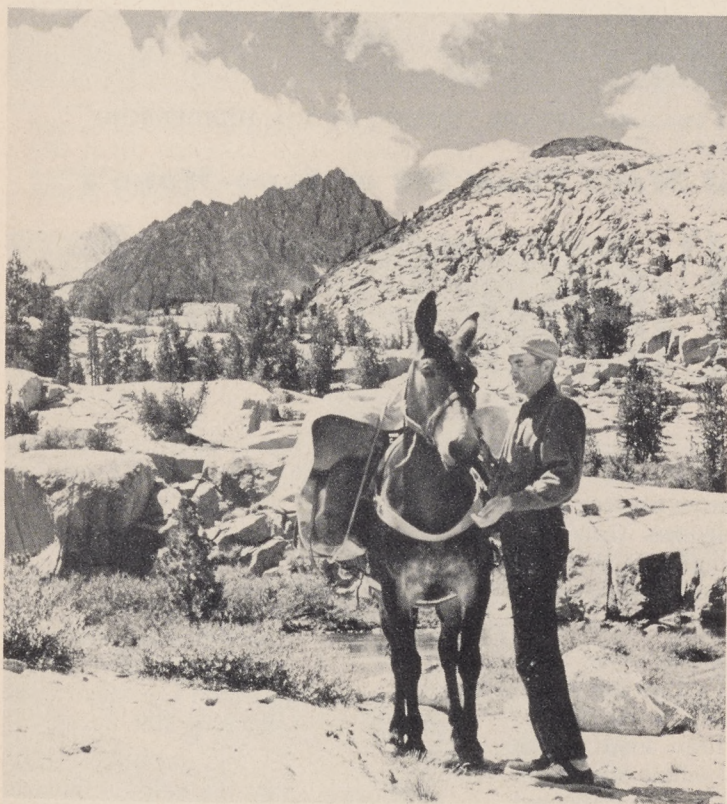
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• There's plenty of good trout fishing in the streams and lakes near the back-country camp in the Sabrina Basin and Steve Archer, 13-year-old son of Pete and Astrid Archer, is pictured here as he tries his luck. There's always a supply of trout on hand at the camp . . . and those fish always taste best cooked out in the open air. Try it sometime!

Photo by Tom Henderson.



• It's a sad day when the Detzers have to leave the camp and go home. But they can always look forward to coming back for a visit in the High Sierra back-country the next year. In the picture above Steve Detzer finishes loading the pack mule for the downward trip. Incidentally, that's Detzer on the right. If you don't believe it, just ask him.

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LEE VINING CREEK AREA POPULAR WITH CAMPERS AND TRAILER OWNERS (PHOTO BY TOM HENDERSON)

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Popular Public Camp Grounds

More than 200,000 campers from all parts of the United States used the public camp grounds in the Inyo National Forest during 1954, according to W. S. "Slim" Davis, forest supervisor. This is, of course, in addition to the large number of people who enjoyed the facilities of the Toiyabe National Forest. Practically all of the Inyo National Forest and the southern part of Toiyabe are located in the Inyo-Mono area.

"Altogether, our rangers reported a total of 1,261,600 visitor days in the Inyo public camps in 1954," Supervisor Davis reported. "This is an increase of about 10 per cent over 1953, the highest previous year."

Supervisor Ivan Sack of the Toiyabe National Forest indicated there had been an increase in the use of the camps in that forest, but didn't estimate the number.

The U. S. Forest Service reported last year that in 1953 the Inyo National Forest was the third highest in the country in its use for recreational purposes. Only two forests, the Angelus in southern California, and the Black Hills in South Dakota, drew more visitors that year.

Well scattered through the entire Inyo-Mono area, these public camps are set up and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service. Varying in size from small picnic spots to spacious areas where sportsmen and their families can spend days and weeks, they are all near excellent fishing and other recreation.

In general, the public camps are open for use from May 1 to September 15. The 14-day limit on camping in each spot will be extended to nearly all the public camps this year, Supervisor Davis indicated. Last

year this limit was in effect in about half the camps maintained by the Forest Service.

And, here is some information that might be interesting to summer visitors: Camp sites located higher than 6,000 feet elevation usually have freezing nights before June 15 and after September 15. Those higher than 8,000 feet may experience freezing nights any time during the year.

Swimming is allowed only in designated areas, including Devil's Postpile National Monument, Horseshoe Lake (near Mammoth camp grounds), June Lake, and Mono Lake (salt water).

A complete list and description of the public camp grounds in Inyo-Mono are included on the following pages.

Inyo-Mono's Public Camp Grounds

Inyo National Forest ...

LONE PINE AREA ...

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Located 10 miles south and 4 miles west of Lone Pine near Cottonwood Pack Station, the gateway to the Cottonwood Lakes high country. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Dirt road from main highway. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing.

WHITNEY PORTAL—Located 13 miles west of Lone Pine on Lone Pine Creek. Good oiled road, rather steep but passable. 60 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Fairly level camping space. Piped and stream water. Beginning of Mt. Whitney trail. Supplies at Lone Pine. Small store at Whitney Portal Pack Station during July and August. Elevation 8000 feet. View of Mt. Whitney, highest peak in continental United States. Fishing, picnicking.

INDEPENDENCE AREA ...

GRAY'S MEADOW—Located 6 miles west of Independence. Good oiled road. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level camping space. Stream water. Supplies at Independence. Elevation 6500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

ONION VALLEY—At the road terminus from Independence west toward Kearsarge Pass. 8 camps with tables and stoves. Stream water. It is 15 miles from Independence—the nearest supplies; a steep road with many switchbacks. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking. Pack station serving Kearsarge Pass is adjacent to campground.

OAK CREEK—Located 4 miles west of Fort Independence on the North Fork of Oak Creek. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water; good dirt road from Fish Hatchery. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

BIG PINE AREA ...

BIG PINE CREEK—Located 10 miles west of Big Pine on oiled road to Glacier Lodge. 40 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 7900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

FIRST FALLS—On Big Pine Creek, 1 mile west of Glacier Lodge at beginning of trail to Palisade Glacier. 8 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 8500 feet. Palisade Glacier, southernmost in continental United States, reached from here via 12 mile trail; Glacier Pack Station. Fishing, hunting.

BISHOP CREEK AREA ...

BIG TREES—On Bishop Creek, 13 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 1—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 15 miles southwest of Bishop. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level ground. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Elevation 8100 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 2—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road, rather narrow. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Fairly level ground. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 3—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level campground. Stream water. Supplies at Bishop Creek Lodge. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 4—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campground. Supplies at Parcher's Rainbow Camp. Elevation 8700 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 5—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 20 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

LA HUPP—On south fork of Bishop Creek, near South Lake, 21 miles southwest of Bishop. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camp space. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH LAKE—A rough camping space located on the south fork of Bishop Creek at South Lake, 22 miles southwest of Bishop. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream and spring water. Supplies at Parcher's Camp. Elevation 9700 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

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SMOKEY Says ...

Obey These Camp Rules



1. Leave a clean camp. The next fellow will appreciate this courtesy.
2. Burn your papers, rags and cartons in your campfire. Place cans, garbage and bottles in the garbage can—or, if not in an improved campground—burn, flatten and bury them. Better yet, take the empties home.
3. Be careful not to pollute streams by unsanitary acts. Most streams and lakes are sources of drinking water.
 - a. Clean your fish in camp. Burn or bury refuse or place in garbage cans.
 - b. Do not bathe or wash clothes in streams or lakes unless so posted or authorized by local Ranger.
 - c. Do not throw trash of any kind into lakes or streams.
4. Do not injure trees by driving nails or attaching boxes or structures to tree trunks. Do not cut green trees or shrubs. Do not damage forest signs.
5. Please help us to keep the toilets clean and fly-proof. Keep doors closed, seat lids closed.
6. Break your burned match in two. Stamp out burning tobacco in mineral earth when discarding. Smoke only while stopped in a clear spot.
7. Build campfires in cleared areas only. Extinguish your campfire with plenty of water and stir the coals until they are cold.
8. Never leave a campfire unattended, even for a short time.
9. Be considerate of other campers by not monopolizing the camp tables. One camp table per party.
10. Do not attach house trailer water connection to campground water hydrant, nor dump sink drainage on ground. Trailer toilets and showers must not be operated on public campgrounds.
11. Do not stay at a camp longer than the occupancy period posted at the campground entrance.
12. Be sure you have a campfire permit. You can secure one from any Forest Service office, or leading sporting goods stores in forest areas. Be sure to comply with the rules on the back of the permit.



• **LEFT**—Mrs. Dorothy Hoffner puts the golden brown touch on pan-size trout from Lake George in Mammoth Lakes area. M. F. Acord samples the results. The Hoffners and Acords are annual visitors to this area and they always set up their tents in one of the many public campgrounds provided by the Inyo National Forest. You can't beat that living out in the open and those tasty trout. Photo by Tom Henderson.



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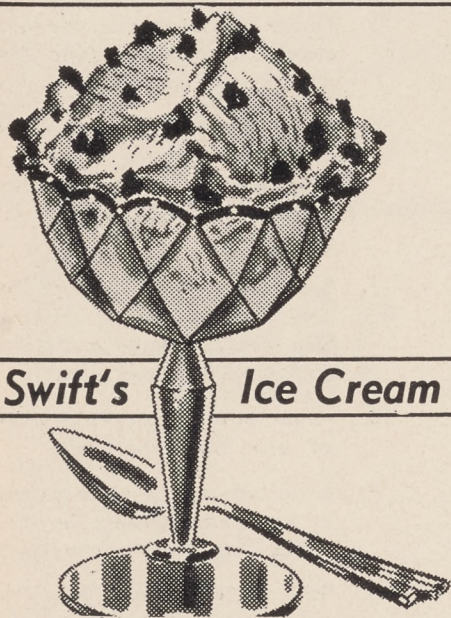
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List of Public Camp Grounds

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BISHOP PARK—Located on the middle fork of Bishop Creek, 16 miles southwest of Bishop. Good paved road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camping space. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

LAKE SABRINA—On middle fork of Bishop Creek near Lake Sabrina, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road, but narrow. 11 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

NORTH LAKE—Located on the north fork of Bishop Creek near North Lake, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. 16 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campgrounds. Supplies at Lake Sabrina Camp. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

PINE CREEK—Pine Creek is closed to public camping due to industrial development.

ROCK CREEK AREA . . .

LOWER ROCK CREEK—On Rock Creek near Tom's Place, 26 miles north of Bishop near U. S. 395. 30 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level campsites. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

IRIS MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek, 4 miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 8300 feet. Fishing, hunting.

BIG MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek 4½ miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 20 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PALISADE—On Rock Creek, 5 miles south of U. S. 395, on fair dirt road. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PINE GROVE—On Rock Creek 8 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge nearby. Elevation 9300 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—On Rock Creek & Rock Creek Lake, 11 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream and lake water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elevation 9600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating.

MOSQUITO FLAT—Located along Rock Creek, 12 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level campsites. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elevation 10,000 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

CONVICT LAKE AREA . . .

CONVICT LAKE AND CREEK—Located at Convict Lake and along Convict Creek, 5 miles southwest of Mammoth Junction and 2 miles west of U. S. 395. 20 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Lake, spring and stream water. Oiled road. Supplies at Convict Lake Resort. Elevation 7600 feet. Fishing, hunting, boating, picnicking.

MAMMOTH LAKES AREA . . .

MAMMOTH CREEK—Located on Mammoth Creek on old Mammoth Lakes road, 1 mile west of U. S. 395. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Casa Diablo. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, swimming and boating, 4 miles.

SHADY REST—Located 4 miles west of U. S. 395 near Mammoth Ranger Station on Mammoth Lakes Highway. 61 camps with stoves, tables

and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, swimming and boating, 4 miles.

SHERWIN CREEK—Located on Sherwin Creek, 3 miles southeast of Mammoth via good dirt road. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7700 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming and boating, 5 miles.

TWIN LAKES—Located on Twin Lakes, ½ mile from Mammoth Lakes Highway and 3 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 58 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Twin Lakes Store. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating. Swimming, 2 miles.

LAKE MARY—On Lake Mary, 3 miles west of Mammoth, reached by Mammoth Lakes Highway. 34 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elevation 8900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating. Swimming, 1 mile.



LAKE GEORGE—On Lake George, 4 miles west of Mammoth, via Mammoth Lakes Highway. 7 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Lake and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, boating, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

COLDWATER—On Coldwater Creek at south end of Lake Mary, 4 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 18 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Boating and swimming, 2 miles.

BIG SPRINGS—Located on Owens River 10 miles north of Mammoth and 2 miles east of U. S. 395 on oiled road. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Spring water. Supplies at Thompson Ranch. Elevation 7200 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking.

GLASS CREEK—Located 11 miles north of Mammoth Ranger Station, and ¼ mile west of U. S. 395. Near Crestview Resort. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Crestview. Elevation 7300 feet. Hunting, fishing.

REDS MEADOWS AREA . . .

(This area accessible by auto from U. S. Highway 395, Bishop to Lee Vining, turning off at Casa Diablo Hot Springs, past Mammoth Ranger Station and over the Minaret Summit road into Reds Meadows. Accessible by the John Muir Trail from the north and south. Dirt road. Not advisable for house trailers.)

AGNEW MEADOWS—Located 9½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station. Stream water. 9 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Beginning of trails to Shadow, Garnet and Thousand Island Lakes. Hunting, fishing. Boating 6 miles. Devils Postpile National Monument, 4 miles.

UPPER SODA SPRINGS—Located 10½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 8 camps with stoves,

tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

PUMICE FLAT—Located 11½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station, on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

MINARET FALLS—Located 12½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

DEVILS POSTPILE—Located 13 miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 24 camps with tables, stoves and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. National Monument. Operated by the National Park Service. Fishing, swimming, picnicking.

REDS MEADOW—Located 14 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. Spring and stream water. 62 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Near guard station and Reds Meadow Resort and Pack Station. Hot water tub bathhouse nearby. Also public tourist pasture. Supplies available at Reds Meadow Store. Elevation 8000 feet. Fishing, hunting.

JUNE LAKE AREA . . .

GULL LAKE—Within 1 hour drive of ghost town of Bodie, over fair road. One-half hour drive to Mono Craters and Mono Lake. Adjacent to Gull Lake, reached by paved road 4 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 24 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water supply. Toilet facilities. Stores and supplies nearby. Elevation 7600 feet. Hunting, boating, fishing, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

SILVER LAKE—Adjacent to Silver Lake, reached by paved road 8 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 17 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water, toilet facilities. Store supplies and pack station adjacent. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting.

RUSH CREEK—Along Rush Creek between Silver and Grant Lakes, reached by paved road 8 to 10 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 43 camp sites scattered and in groups along 2½ miles of Rush Creek. Toilet facilities. Stores, supplies and pack trains nearby. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, hunting, fishing, picnicking.

JUNE LAKE—Adjacent to June Lake, reached by paved road 2 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 27 camps, piped water, toilet facilities, store, supplies and boats adjacent. Elevation 7600 feet. Boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, picnicking.

TIOGA PASS AREA . . .

LEE VINING—Situated along Lee Vining Creek 1 mile west of Highway 395 on the Tioga Pass Highway. 35 camps with stoves and tables, piped water, toilet facilities. Stores and supplies 1½ miles east at town of Lee Vining. Elevation 7200 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles, in Mono Lake (salt water).

SADDLEBAG LAKE—On Saddlebag Lake, reached by fair dirt road 2 miles from Tioga Pass Highway at a point 12 miles west of Highway 395. 10 camps with stoves and tables; Toilet facilities. Boats adjacent. Store and supplies on Tioga Pass Highway. Elevation 10,000 feet. Boating, fishing, hunting, picnicking, hiking. Entrance to Hoover Wild Area.

ELLERY LAKE—On Tioga Pass Highway 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park Boundary. 8 camps with stoves and tables, toilet facilities. Adjacent to Lee Vining Creek and Ellery Lake; store, supplies and boats nearby. Elevation 9400 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting, hiking.

TIOGA JUNCTION—On Tioga Pass Highway, 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park on the junction of Lee Vining Creek and Mine Creek. 4 excellent camps with tables,

toilet facilities. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

TIOGA LAKE—Situated adjacent to Tioga Lake on Tioga Pass Highway, 13 miles west of Highway 395, and one mile east of Yosemite National Park boundary. 3 camp sites, toilet facilities. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating, hiking.

Toiyabe National Forest . . .

VIRGINIA LAKES AREA . . .

TRUMBULL LAKE AREA—Located on Virginia Creek, 5 miles west of Conway Summit which is on Highway 395, via the Virginia Creek road. 40 stoves, 55 tables and benches, piped and stream water. Level campground with trailer space and toilet facilities. Virginia Lake Resort nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation, 9960 feet.

GREEN CREEK AREA . . .

GREEN CREEK CAMP—Located on Green Creek, 15 miles south and west of Bridgeport via Highway 395 and the Green Creek road. No stoves, 12 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream water. Green Creek Resort with store, supplies, cabins and pack train nearby. Elevation 7500 feet.

TWIN LAKES AREA . . .

HONEYMOON FLAT—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 11 miles on the Twin Lakes road. No stoves, 12 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

ROBINSON CREEK—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 5 stoves, 9 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

LOWER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 4 stoves, 6 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

UPPER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 15 miles on the Twin Lakes road. This is a private camp with stoves, tables, toilet facilities, trailer space and cabins. Resort with store, supplies and boats at the camp on Upper Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7100 feet.

BRIDGEPORT-TOPAZ AREA . . .

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR AND EAST WALKER RIVER—Located 3 miles north of Bridgeport on Highway 22. No developed camps in this area. Motels, hotels, stores and supplies at Bridgeport. Boats on the Reservoir. Elevation 6400 feet.

WEST WALKER RIVER—Sonora Bridge located on the West Walker River, 1 mile west of the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. Partly developed. 12 stoves, 12 tables and benches, piped water. Supplies at Fales Hot Springs on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Pack trains at Devils Gate on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Elevation 6800 feet.

LEAVITT MEADOWS—Located on West Walker River 7 miles west of Junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. 15 stoves, 15 tables and benches, piped water and toilet facilities. Leavitt Meadow Lodge nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

CHRIS FLAT—Located on the West Walker River three miles below the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 395. 20 stoves, 20 tables and benches, piped water and toilet facilities. Store and supplies at Coleville, 12 miles down river on Highway 395. Elevation 6500 feet.

COLEVILLE—No developed camps in this area. A number of motels with store and supplies and three pack trains. Lost Canyon Trail into Lost Canyon. Boats available on Topaz Lake, also motels, store and supplies. Elevation 5000 feet.



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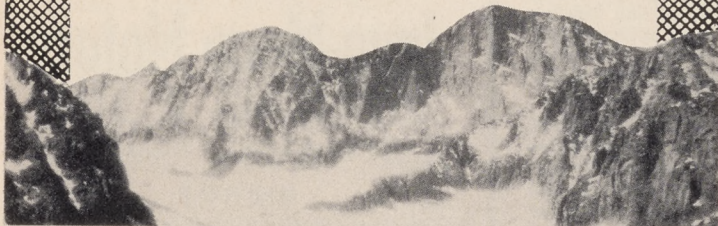
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Inyo-Mono Highways Are on the Up-Grade

Good highways and roads are quite important to the fisherman and tourist. Here's a report on what has been done and is being planned by the Division of Highways:

Steady expansion of year-round recreational facilities in the Inyo-Mono region has been a major factor in bringing about the marked increase in traffic using the state and county highways in the area during the past few years.

This growing stream of hunters, fishermen and other vacationists, coupled with the increase in commercial traffic, is putting a heavy load not only upon local roads and highways but upon the approach routes leading from other parts of California and Nevada as well.

The State Division of Highways is well aware of this problem and is making immediate and long-range plans to improve these highways.

Bearing the brunt of this all-season traffic is the Inyo-Mono area's chief north-south traffic artery, U. S. 6-395, which forms a part of the "Three Flags Highway" connecting Mexico with Canada. This route has received increasing attention from the Division of Highways during the past few years.

Of more than \$6,000,000 spent on State highway construction in Mono, Inyo and Eastern Kern Counties since 1947, when the Collier-Burns Highway Act went into effect, more than half has been expended on U. S. 6 and U. S. 395.

On U. S. 6 in Kern County, approximately \$600,000 has been spent on improving or reconstructing sections of the highway since 1947. Only one "bottleneck" now remains in this 73-mile stretch of road, the 10-mile section in the Red Rock Canyon area located some 25 miles north of Mojave. Improvement of this portion of the route will be carried out as soon as highway funds become available.

Along U. S. 6-395 in Inyo County a full 32-foot paved section of roadway as well as many portions of four-lane, 58-foot

paved sections from the south county line to Bishop have provided relief from the increasing traffic load passing through the area. From Bishop north to the Mono County line, on U. S. 395, construction to these same standards is being carried out as rapidly as funds become available.

In Mono County the rugged terrain has delayed the financing of major relocations along U. S. 395. However, widening and surfacing contracts have gone far to offset the wear to the highway caused by the growing traffic. Examples of these necessary improvements to protect past investments in highway construction are the six-mile section between Conway Summit and Bodie Road, where a cement-treated base and plant-mixed surfacing contract was completed in 1950 at a cost of \$127,000, and a 10-mile section between Crestview and the June Lake Junction, where a \$210,000 light grading and surfacing contract was completed in the Fall of 1954.

A preliminary action which will make possible a future major improvement along U. S. 395 was the recent adoption by the California Highway Commission of a major route relocation over the famous Sherwin Hill, north of Bishop.

An item taken from the files of the Division of Highways office in Sacramento states that a total of 198 vehicles passed over the Sherwin Grade during a one week period in 1916. The present daily traffic count (over the same stretch of roadway) is 2,500 vehicles a day or some 17,500 a week.

Although U. S. 6-395 has received the major share of funds expended in the Inyo-Mono area, other routes also have come in for their share of improvement.

For example, on State Sign Route 89 in northern Mono County, a completely new unit of highway was recently opened to traffic, providing a long-needed highway connection over the mountains from U. S. 395 near Coleville to Sign Route 4 (the Ebbetts Pass Highway) near Markleeville in Alpine County.

More than \$100,000 has been spent in relocating and widening 3½ miles of the June Lake Loop, popular recreational area off U. S. 395 south of Mono Lake.

Another important project is the relocation and widening of eight miles of the Sweetwater Road (State Route 96) now



Inyo County Road . . . to Glacier Lodge

under way between the Bridgeport Reservoir and the Nevada state line. Total cost of this project will be around \$250,000.

Although a great deal of work remains to be done on State highways in the area, the steady progress in construction made during the last few years is becoming evident. Projects are beginning to join together to form longer stretches of modern highway affording the motorist increased driving ease and safety.

If the present pace of work can be maintained, Division of Highways engineers foresee a time in the not-too-remote-future when all major routes in the Inyo-Mono area will be constructed to modern two-or four-lane standards, forming a highway network capable of handling the increasing number of cars moving in and out of the region each year.

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Plan a Sierra Pack Trip Now

Two of the principal reasons why the back-country lakes and streams of the Eastern High Sierras are being enjoyed by an increasing number of visitors each year are:

1. *The fine network of trails set up and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service.*
2. *The large number of capable, licensed pack stations which are located throughout the Inyo-Mono area.*

Inyo-Mono is fortunate to have both, since they are the principal means of reaching the best fishing—and hunting—areas in the High Sierras.

If you want to really enjoy your vacation . . . catch all the fish you want, enjoy the finest mountain scenery and the peace and contentment that only the wilderness area affords . . . you'll certainly want to plan a pack trip this year.

Basically, there are two types of pack trips which may be chosen by those who wish to enjoy the back-country of the High Sierra:

EXTENDED PACK TRIPS—These average a week or 10 days in length and the packer (or packers) stays right with the party so that it can move from one camp to another if the members wish. Cost is approximately \$4 per day per head of stock (pack mule or saddle horse). A packer costs between \$12 and \$15 per day, including his saddle horse. For trips extending two weeks and longer, costs are slightly lower, averaging \$3.50 per day per head of stock, with

the packer's per diem cost the same as above.

SPOT PACK TRIPS—Party is packed to the camp site of their choice and left there until a pre-arranged date when the packer will return and take them out. With a party of four persons or more, costs run from \$25 to \$50 per person, depending on the distance they are packed in. For parties of less than four persons, the cost is slightly higher per person.

Actually, in addition to these two types of trips, some of the pack outfits are featuring one-day scenic rides, which are quite reasonable in cost and provide many with an interesting saddle-horse trip for which otherwise they might not find time. Most pack outfits will be glad to explain these one-day trips on request.

Twenty-four pack outfits, licensed by the State, are members of the Eastern Sierra Packers Association. Located at various intervals along the eastern mountain slopes, these outfits must qualify for a grazing permit from the U. S. Forest Service and a packing permit from the National Park Service (if they enter Sequoia, Kings Canyon, or Yosemite national parks, adjacent to the Inyo-Mono area).

Location of each of these pack outfits is shown on the large maps (*pages 13-16 of this book*) and practically all of them have advertisements in the section in which they operate. (*pages 56-164 of this Fishing Guide*). You can write or wire them for further information.

High Sierra Trails

Inyo National Forest . . .

HAIWEE CANYON—From end of Haiwee Canyon road to Deer Mountain at the headwaters of the South Fork of Kern River.

OLANCHA—From Sage Flat southwest of Olancho to Monache Meadow.

COTTONWOOD CANYON—From end of Cottonwood Canyon road to Horseshoe Meadow.

CARROLL CREEK—From end of Carroll Creek road past Cottonwood Lakes to Army Pass.

MT. WHITNEY—From Whitney Portal camp ground to the 14,495-foot summit of Mt. Whitney, highest point in the United States.

SHEPHERD PASS—From end of Symmes Creek road to headwaters of the Kern River.

KEARSARGE PASS—From Onion Valley camp ground to Bubbs Creek and Bull Frog Lake, which empty into South Fork of Kings River.

SAWMILL PASS—From end of Sawmill Creek road to Woods Lake and South Fork of Kings River.

TABOOSE PASS—From end of Taboose Creek road to headwaters of South Fork of Kings Canyon. (Trail is unsafe for horses and is scheduled for eventual relocation.)

BIG PINE—From Glacier Lodge to Palisade Glacier Basin.

BISHOP PASS—From South Lake to headwaters of North Fork of Kings Canyon.

PIUTE PASS—From North Lake to Humphrey Basin.

PINE CREEK—From end of Pine Creek road over Hilgard Pass to Lake Italy.

MONO PASS—From Rock Creek Lake to Pioneer Basin and the Recesses of Mono Creek.

HILTON CREEK—From Long Valley to Hilton Creek Lakes.

McGEE CREEK—From end of McGee Creek road over the Red Slate Mountain Pass to head of Fish Creek.

DUCK PASS—From Lake Mary to Duck Lake.

SHADOW LAKE—From Agnew Meadow to Shadow Lake and Thousand Island Lake.

AGNEW LAKE—From Silver Lake past Agnew Lake into Minarets Basin.

SADDLEBAG—From Saddlebag Reservoir to Lundy Lake.

Toiyabe National Forest . . .

VIRGINIA LAKES—Goes west into Yosemite National Park, passing the following lakes: Red, Blue, Frog, and Summit.

GREEN CREEK—Goes west into Yosemite National Park, passing the following lakes: Green, East, Gilman, Eastman, Hoover, and Summit. Green Creek Trail joins the Virginia Creek Trail at Summit Lake. A side trail goes from Green Creek Trail northwest to West Lake.

UPPER TWIN LAKES—Trails in this area are the Cattle Horse Loop, south of the Twin Lakes; Barney Lake Trail west from Upper Twin Lakes along Robinson Creek to Barney Lake; Eagle Peak Trail north of the lakes to Eagle Peak; Buckeye Trail from Bogard's Camp, or from the Bridgeport Ranger Station, five miles north of Bridgeport, extending along Buckeye Creek and on into Yosemite National Park. (The south fork of this trail leads to Peeler Lake and the north fork goes across Kirkwood Pass into the headwaters of the West Walker River).

LITTLE WALKER—This trail follows Little Walker River and Molybdenite Creek. Lakes reached by this trail: Emma, Anna, and McMillan.

WEST WALKER—Extends along the West Walker River to Kirkwood Pass where it joins the Buckeye Trail. This trail forks at the Middle Piute Meadows and the west fork goes into Yosemite National Park along Cascade Creek, passing the following lakes: Harriet, Cora, Ruth, Helen, Bonnie, and into the Park at Dorothy Lake. Other lakes reached by the West Walker Trail below the forks in the trail are: Poore, Roosevelt, Lane, Hidden, Red Top, Fremont, Chain of Lakes, and Cinko.

LOST CANYON—This trail extends into Lost Canyon from the Coleville area.



Frank Tautrim and R. G. Phares

Back-Packing Is On Increase

Also on the increase in the Eastern High Sierra is the number of "back-packers"—the harder type individuals who really like to "rough it" on their trips into the vast back-country areas. There are, of course, no figures available on the number who last year hiked various distances to their favorite lakes or streams, carrying their bed roll and other necessary equipment on their backs. But the figure would be astronomical . . . to say the least.

They come from all parts of the country and all walks of life. Some are young, some old. But they all are enjoying themselves . . . and some of the finest wilderness area God ever created.

They, like the people who pack in on horseback, have the almost-unlimited use of the 634 miles of trails set up and maintained in the Inyo National Forest . . . and the additional hundreds of miles available for use in the Toiyabe National Forest, farther north. These trails extend from the eastern slopes to the Sierra Crest and many of them tie into the famous John Muir Trail which extends from Tuolumne Meadows (near Yosemite National Park) on the north to the summit of Mt. Whitney (tallest peak in the United States) on the south.

Hundreds of people use this well-kept trail each year and at least one couple reported they had back-packed the entire length during 1954. They were Bob and Jerri Lee of Ridgecrest who fulfilled their lifelong ambition by hiking the 226 miles from Camp Curry in Yosemite National Park to Whitney Portal, a total of 226 miles in 17 days. They completed their journey July 13.

One of the most famous trails in the area, of course, starts at Whitney Portal west of Lone Pine and winds its way to the top of Mt. Whitney. Forest rangers report that 6,400 people attempted the climb and 2,000 signed the register at the top of the peak, an increase of 25 per cent over 1953.

The more important trails, leading into the High Sierra from the eastern slopes, are listed (from south to north) in the column at the left.



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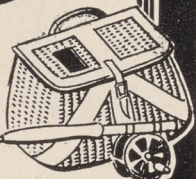
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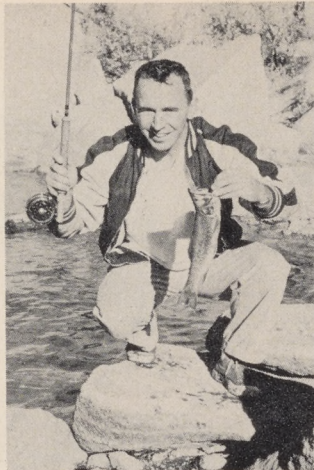
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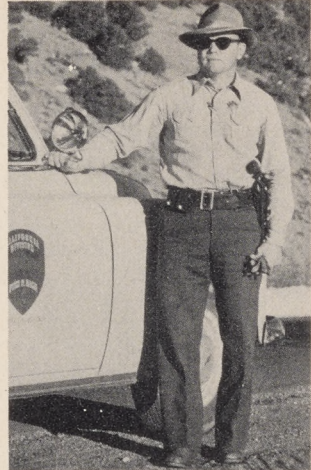
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The Editors of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide Say...

Thanks for the Help!

In Making This 1955 Publication Possible

The editors of the 1955 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped make its publication possible . . . for, without the wholehearted cooperation of the people of the area—and other interested individuals and organizations—the job would have been impossible.

We don't, of course, have room to list everyone to whom we are indebted. But we do want to single out a few and thank them for their special cooperation.

First, we want to thank the scores of Inyo-Mono resorts, stores, service stations, pack stations, and other businesses for their faithful advertising support. We hope that their ads in this book will benefit them in every way. And, of course, we want to thank the thousands of people who purchased copies of the 1954 Fishing Guide, many of whom have already ordered copies of this new book. We certainly hope they enjoy it.

We especially want to thank all those who contributed photos or information—or aided in other ways—in producing this, the largest and most complete book ever published about the popular Inyo-Mono vacation country. We have conscientiously tried to use all fishing pictures sent in this year. If they do not appear in this Fishing Guide, it is because they were not clear enough for reproduction—not because we didn't want to use them. Yes, we certainly hope you'll keep on sending in those photos of big fish and nice limits caught in 1955 so that they can appear in our 1956 Fishing Guide which, we hope, will be bigger and better.

It certainly would be unfair to let the opportunity pass of giving special mention to our three principal photographers who took pictures for this book: Tom Henderson, Steve Lukacik, and Al Hove. All devoted much time to this year's book and a large majority of the photos in the Fishing Guide were taken by them.

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540 Inyo-Mono Lakes, Streams Planted With Fingerling Trout

During 1954 a total of 2,193,350 fingerling trout of five different species, all raised in the Mt. Whitney and Hot Creek Hatcheries, were planted in Inyo-Mono. The number of each species is as follows: Rainbow, 592,182; Brook, 345,974; Cutthroat, 441,545; Brown, 771,489; and Golden, 272,160. This is in addition to the catchables listed elsewhere in the book.



A grand total of 540 Inyo-Mono waters are stocked with fingerling trout, a large percentage of which grow up to be fine fish. Most of these lakes and streams are those inaccessible by road and require hiking or packing.

Waters regularly planted with fingerlings are listed by drainage areas, starting from the south and extending northward:

Inyo County . . .

LITTLE LAKE-LONE PINE AREA . . .

KERN RIVER (Tulare County)—Kern River South Fork, Rainbow; Rocky Basin Lakes 1-2-3-4-5, Golden.

LONE PINE CREEK—Boy Scout Lake, Cutthroat; Consultation Lake, Rainbow; Lone Pine Lake, Rainbow; Meysan Lake, Lower, Brook; Mirran Lake, Upper, Brook; Mirror Lake, Rainbow; Peanut Lake, Brook.

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Cirque Lake, Golden; High Lake, Golden; Lower South Fork Lake, Golden; Long Lake, Golden; Cottonwood Lakes 1-2-3-4-5-6, Golden; Muir Lake, Golden.

SHEPHERDS CREEK—Williamson Lakes 1-2-3, Cutthroat; Williamson Lakes 4-5-6-7, Brook.

OWENS LAKE—Owens River, Brown.

INDEPENDENCE AREA . . .

INDEPENDENCE CREEK—Bench Lake, Rainbow; Flower Lake, Brook; Gilbert Lake, Brook; Golden Trout Lakes 1-2-3-4, Golden; Heart Lake, Brook; Matlock Lake, Rainbow; Pothole Lake, Brook; Little Pothole Lake, Brook; Robinson Creek, Brook; Slim Lake, Rainbow.

OAK CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Oak Creek Lakes 1-2, Brook.

SAWMILL CREEK—Sawmill Lake, Rainbow.

BIG PINE AREA . . .

RED MOUNTAIN CREEK—Red Mountain Lake, Golden.

BIRCH CREEK—Birch Lake, Rainbow.

BIG PINE CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Big Pine Creek South Fork, Rainbow; Glacier Lake, Brook; Brainard Lake, Brook; Finger Lake, Brook; Thumb Lake, Brook; Willow Lake, Brook.

OWENS RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Big Pine Creek Section I, Brown; Big Pine Creek Section II, Rainbow; Baker Creek, Brook.

BIG PINE CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Big Pine Lakes 1-2-3-4-5-6, Rainbow; Big Pine Lake 7, Brook; Black

Lake, Rainbow; Sam Mack Lake, Brook; Summit Lake, Brook.

BAKER CREEK—Baker Lake, Brook; Hidden Lake, Golden; Thunder and Lightning Lake, Brook.

COYOTE CREEK—Funnel Lake, Brook; Rocky Bottom Lake, Brook.

BISHOP AREA . . .

BISHOP CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Bluff Lake, Brook; Brown Lake, Rainbow; Bull Lake, Brook; Chocolate Lake 1-2-3, Brook; Green Lake, Rainbow; Hurd Lake, Brook; Inconsolable Lake, Brook; Ledge Lake, Brook; Long Lake, Rainbow; Margaret Lake (3rd), Brook; Marie Louise Lake 1-2, Brook; Mule Lake, Rainbow; Ruwau Lake, Rainbow; Spearhead Lake, Rainbow; Timberline Lake 1, Rainbow; Timberline Lake 2, Brook; Treasure Lake 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8, Golden; Tyee Lake 1-2-3-4-5, Rainbow; Tyee Lake 6, Brook; Saddlerock Lake, Rainbow.

BISHOP CREEK (MIDDLE FORK)—Lower Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Middle Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Upper Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Blue Lake, Rainbow; Blue Heaven Lake, Rainbow; Bottleneck Lake, Brook; Dingleberry Lake, Brook; Donkey Lake, Brook; Drunken Sailor Lake, Rainbow; Echo Lake, Brook; Emerald Lake 2-3-4, Brook; Fishgut Lake 1-2-3, Brook; Little George Lake, Brook; George Lake, Rainbow; Granite Lake, Brook; Helldiver Lakes 1-2-3, Brook; Helldiver Lakes 4-5, Golden; Hungry Packer Lake, Rainbow; Midnight Lake, Rainbow; Moonlight Lake, Rainbow; Schober's Hole Lake 1-3, Brook; Sunset Lake, Brook; Thompson Lake, Brook; Topsy-Turvey Lake, Brook.

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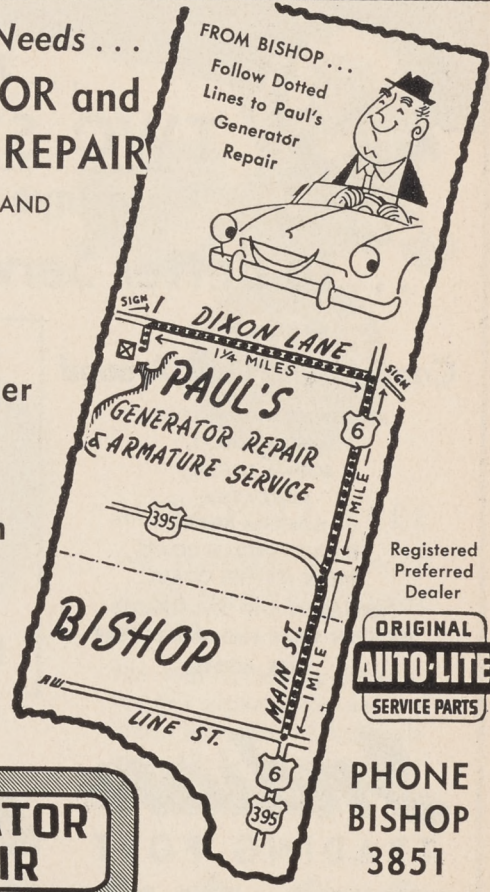
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BISHOP CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Emerson Lake, Brook; Grass Lake, Brook; Lower Lamarck Lake, Rainbow; Upper Lamarck Lake, Rainbow; Loch Leven Lake, Rainbow; Piute Lake, Rainbow; Wonder Lakes 1-2-3, Brook.

HORTON CREEK—Horton Lake, Brook; Horton Lake 2, Rainbow; Horton Lakes 3-4, Golden.

PINE CREEK—Birchim Lake, Rainbow; Lower Chalfant Lake, Rainbow; Upper Chalfant Lake, Rainbow; Gable Lake 1-2-3-4, Brook; Golden Lake, Golden; Granite Lake, Golden; Honeymoon Lake, Rainbow; Pine Lakes 1-2, Rainbow.

MORGAN CREEK—Bear Lake, Rainbow; Finch, Brook; Hidden Lake, Rainbow; Lower Morgan Lake, Rainbow; Upper Morgan Lake, Rainbow; Spire Lake, Brook; Split Lake, Brook.

ROCK CREEK-MAMMOTH AREA...

ROCK CREEK (WEST FORK)—Big Fish Lake 1-2-3, Rainbow; Box Lake, Rainbow; Chickenfoot Lake, Rainbow; Dam Lake, Rainbow; Lower Gem Lake, Brook; Middle Gem Lake, Brook; Upper Gem Lake, Brook; Heart Lake, Brook; Long Lake, Rainbow; Mack Lake, Brook; Marsh Lake, Brook; Patricia Lake, Brook; Ruby Lake, Brook; Sublime Lake, Brook; Treasure Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook; Serene Lake, Brook.

ROCK CREEK (EAST FORK)—Buck Lake, Brook; Catherine Lake, Brook; Dorothy Lake, Rainbow; Easternbrook Lakes 1-2, Rainbow; Franci Lake, Brook; Fourth Recess, Rainbow; Hidden Lake 1, Rainbow; Hidden Lake 2-3-4-5-6, Brook; Kenneth Lake, Brook.

Mono County...

MONO CREEK—Needle Lake, Brook; Red and White Mountain Lake, Golden.

HILTON CREEK—Hilton Lakes 1-2, Rainbow; Hilton Lakes 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10, Brook; Stanford Lake, Rainbow.

CONVICT CREEK—Bighorn Lake, Brook; Bright Dot Lake, Brook; Bunney Lake, Brook; Cloverleaf Lake, Brook; Constance Lake, Brook; Convict Lake, Rainbow; Dorothy Lake, Rainbow; Edith Lake, Brook; Genevieve Lake, Brook; Mildred Lake, Rainbow; Witsonapah Lake, Brook.

MCGEE CREEK—Baldwin Lake, Golden; Crocker Lake, Brook; Gold Lake, Rainbow; Grass Lake, Rainbow; Meadow Lake, Brook; Lower McGee Lake, Rainbow; Upper McGee Lake, Rainbow; Round Lake, Rainbow; Steelhead Lake, Rainbow; Trail Lake, Rainbow.

SHERWIN CREEK TRIBUTARIES—Sherwin Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook.

OWENS RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Crowley Lake, Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat; Hot Creek, Rainbow, Brown; Mammoth Creek, Rainbow; Laurel Creek, Brook; Deadman Creek, Brook.

LAUREL CREEK—Bloody Lake, Brook; Laurel Lake 1-2, Rainbow.

MAMMOTH CREEK—Arrowhead Lake, Brook; Barney Lake, Brook; Barrett Lake, Brook; Crystal Lake, Brook; Lake George, Brook; Lake Mamie, Brook; Lake Mary, Rainbow; Mud

Lake, Brook; McLeod Lake, Brook; Olie Lake, Brook; Skelton Lake, Brook; Tee Jay Lake, Brook; Wood Lake, Brook.

DEADMAN CREEK—Glass Creek, Brook.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DRAINAGE...

FISH CREEK (Fresno County)—Cecil Lake, Rainbow; Deer Lake 1-2, Rainbow; Duck Lake, Rainbow; Lee Lake, Rainbow; Pika Lake, Rainbow; Purple Lake, Rainbow.

FRENCH CANYON GROUP (Fresno County)—French Canyon Lake 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Steelhead Lake, Golden.

HOPKINS CREEK (Fresno County)—Upper Hopkins Lake, Brook; Lower Hopkins Lake, Brook.

KINGS CREEK (Madera County)—Anona Lake, Brook; Ashley Lake, Rainbow; Lower Beck Lake, Rainbow; Upper Beck Lake, Rainbow; Fern Lake, Rainbow; Holcomb Lake, Rainbow; Noname Lake, Brook; Superior Lake (Fresno County), Rainbow.

MINARET CREEK (Madera County)—Johnson Lake, Brook; Minaret Lake, Brook; Deadhorse Lake, Brook.

PIUTE CREEK (Fresno County)—Coney Lake, Golden; Little Desolation Lake, Golden; Big Desolation Lake, Golden; Lower Golden Trout Lake, Golden; Upper Golden Trout Lake, Golden; Lower Honeymoon Lake, Golden; Upper Honeymoon Lake, Golden; Lower Humphrey's Lake 1-2, Golden; Upper Humphrey's Lake, Golden; Knob Lake, Golden; Lower Lobe Lake, Golden; Upper Lobe Lake, Golden; Lower Lost Lake, Golden; Upper Lost Lake, Golden; Lovejoy Lake, Golden; Marmot Lake, Golden; Muriel Lakes, 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Paine Lake, Golden; Ramona Lake, Golden; Royce Lakes 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Square Lake, Brook; Tomahawk Lake, Golden; Unnamed Lake, Golden; Unnamed Lakes 1-2 (near Big Desolation), Golden; Vista Lake, Brook; Wahoo Lake 1, Golden.

PIONEER BASIN (Fresno County)—Pioneer Basin Lakes 1-2-2A-3-4-4A-4B-4C-5-6, Brook.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER (MIDDLE FORK) (Madera County)—Alpha Lake, Brook; Bird Lake, Rainbow; Castle Lake, Rainbow; Clarice Lake, Rainbow; Crater Creek, Rainbow; Emerald Lake, Rainbow; Fish Creek, Rainbow; Garnet Lake, Rainbow; Gladys Lake, Rainbow; Kings Creek, Rainbow; Laura Lake, Rainbow; Lois Lake, Brook; Lost Dog Lake, Brook; Minaret Creek, Rainbow; Olane Lake, Rainbow; Sotcher Lake, Rainbow; Thousand Island Lake, Rainbow; Vivian Lake, Rainbow; Rosalie Lake, Rainbow; Badger Lake, Rainbow.

SHADOW CREEK (Madera County)—Cabin Lake, Brook; Cecille Lake, Rainbow; Ediza Lake, Brook; Iceberg Lake, Brook; Upper Nydiver Lake, Brook; Middle Nydiver Lake, Brook; Lower Nydiver Lake, Brook.

RUSH CREEK DRAINAGE...

RUSH CREEK—Agnew Lake, Rainbow; Alger Lake 1-2-3, Golden; Billy Lake, Brook; Carson Lake, Brook; Clarke Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook; Lower Davis Lake, Brook; Upper Davis Lake, Brook; Fern Lake, Brook; Gem Lake, Rainbow; Grant Lake, Rainbow, Brook, Brown; Island Pass Lake, Rainbow; June Lake, Cutthroat, Rainbow; Lost Lakes, Rainbow; Marie Creek,

Brook; Lower Marie Lake, Brook; Upper Marie Lake, Brook; Reverse Creek, Brook; Roger Lake, Brook; Rush Creek, Brook, Rainbow; Silver Lake, Brook; Sullivan Lake, Brook; Waah Lake, Rainbow; Webber Lake, Brook; Yost Lake, Brook.

MONO BASIN DRAINAGE . . .

PARKER CREEK—Parker Lake, Brook.

WALKER CREEK—Lower Sardine Lake, Brook; Upper Sardine Lake, Brook; Little Walker Lake, Brook.

MONO BASIN—Lee Vining Creek (South Fork), Brook; Lee Vining Creek (North Fork), Rainbow.

LEE VINING CREEK—Ellery Lake, Brook; Frog Lake, Brook; Gardicky Lake, Brook; Tioga Lake, Brook; Mine Creek, Brook; Saddlebag Lake, Brook; Slate Creek, Rainbow; Warren Creek, Brook; Wasco Lake, Brook; Z Lake, Brook; Thimble Lake, Brook; Lower Conness Lake, Golden; Middle Conness Lake, Golden; Upper Conness Lake, Golden.

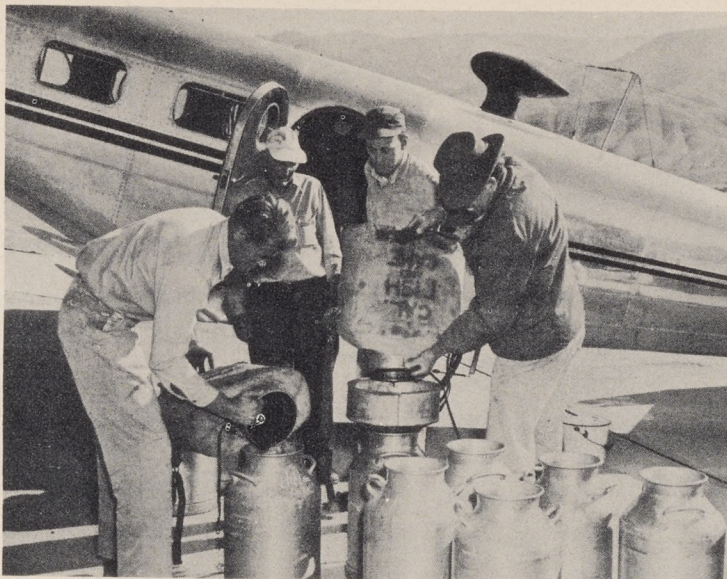
MINE CREEK—Fantail Lake, Brook; Shell Lake, Brook; Spuller Lake, Brook.

MONO LAKE—Mill Creek, Brook.

SLATE CREEK—Alpine Lake, Brook; Finger Lake, Brook; Green Lake, Brook; Moule Lake, Brook; Treble Lake, Brook.

MILL CREEK—Blue Lake, Brook; Crystal Lake, Brook; Ida Lake, Brook; Oneida Lake, Brook; Upper Bruno Lake, Brook; Cascade Lake, Rainbow; East Lake, Rainbow; Excelsior Lake, Rainbow; Helen Lake, Rainbow; Shamrock Lake, Brook; Little Steelhead Lake, Brook.

GREEN CREEK—Dana Lake, Brook; Dynamo Lake, Rainbow; Gilman Lake, Rainbow; Green Lake, Brook;



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EAST WALKER RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

EAST WALKER RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Green Creek, Brook and Brown; Virginia Creek, Brook; Bridgeport Reservoir, Brown; Lower Buckeye Creek, Brown; Upper Buckeye Creek, Brook; Glacier Lake, Brook; Glenberry Lake, Brook; Horse Canyon Creek, Brook; Horse Canyon Lake, Brook; Hunnewill Lake, Brook; Ice Lake, Brook; Lone Valley Creek, Brook; Maltby Lake,

Brook; Mormon Creek, Brook; Murphy Creek, Rainbow; Rough Creek, Rainbow; Swager Creek, Brook; Sweetwater Creek, Brook; Robinson Creek, Rainbow; Tamarack Lake, Brook; Turquoise Lake, Brook; Lower Twin Lakes, Rainbow; Upper Twin Lakes, Rainbow.

ROBINSON CREEK—Barney Lake, Brook; Crown Lake, Rainbow; Eagle Creek, Brook; Peeler Lake, Rainbow and Brook; Snow Lake, Rainbow; Tamarack Creek, Brook.

WEST WALKER RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

WEST WALKER RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Anna Lake, Golden; Beartrap Lake, Brook; Bench Lake, Brook; Blue Lake, Rainbow; Bonnie Lake, Rainbow; Borda Lake, Rainbow; Butts Lake, Rainbow; Carmen Lake, Brook; Cinko Lake, Rainbow; Cora Lake, Rainbow; Deep Creek, Brook; Little Deep Creek, Brook; Desert Creek, Brook; Desert Creek, (East Fork), Brook; Frances Lake, Brook; Fremont Lake, Rainbow; Frying Pan Creek, Brook; Emma Lake, Rainbow; Grizzley Lake, Golden; Harriet Lake, Rainbow; Harding Lake, Rainbow; Helen Lake, Rainbow; Kirkwood Lake, Brook; Lone Lake, Brook; Leavitt Creek, Rainbow; Leavitt Lake, Rainbow; Mill Canyon Creek, Brook; Millie Lake, Brook; Poore Lake, Brook; Red Top Lake, Brook; Roosevelt Lake, Brook; Ruth Lake, Brook; Silver Creek, Rainbow; Brown, Brook, and Cutthroat; Slinkard Creek, Brook; Stella Lake, Brook; Little West Walker, Brook and Rainbow; Wolf Creek, Rainbow.

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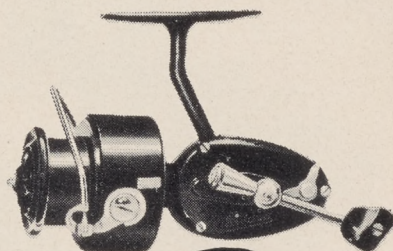
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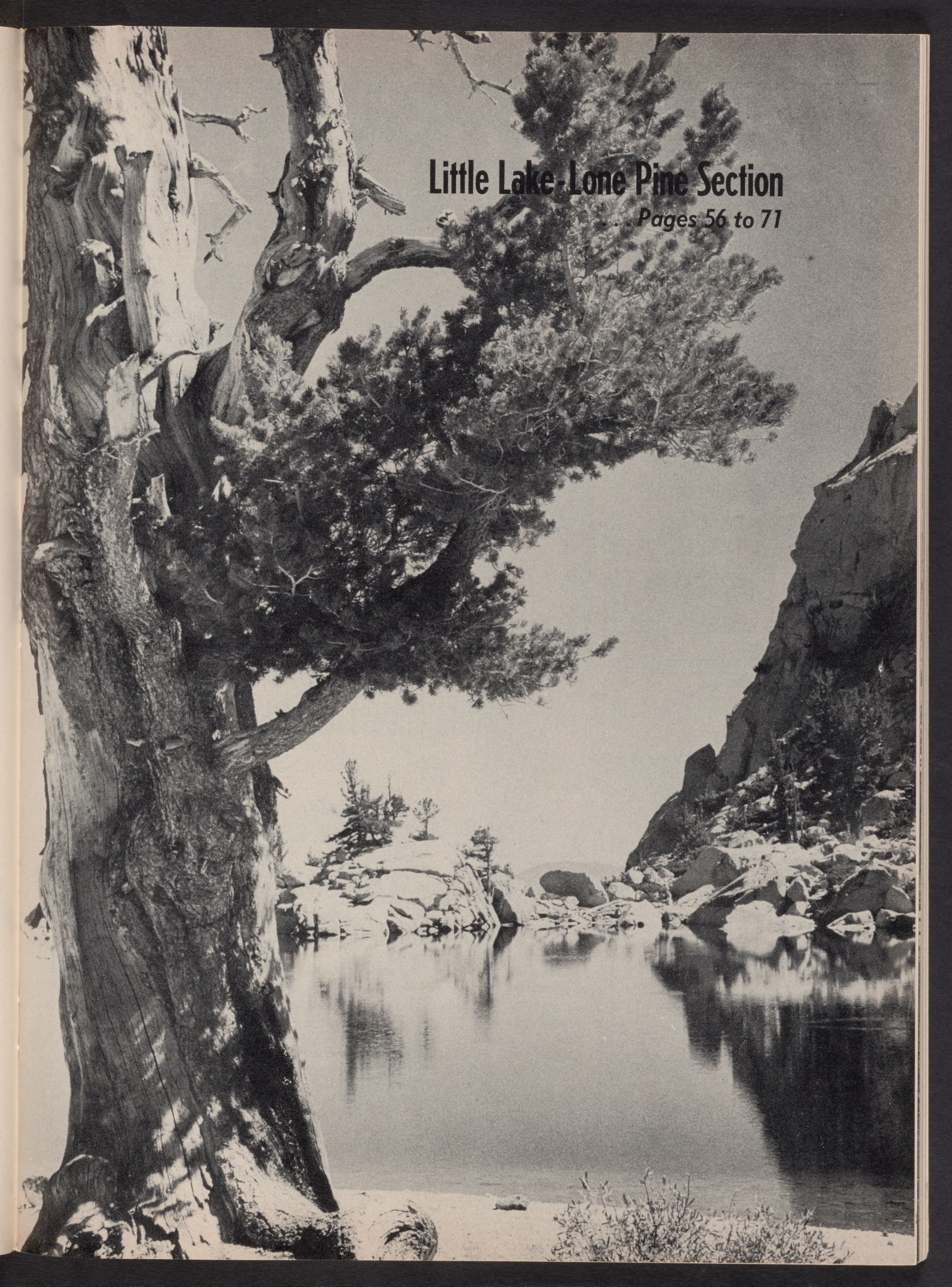
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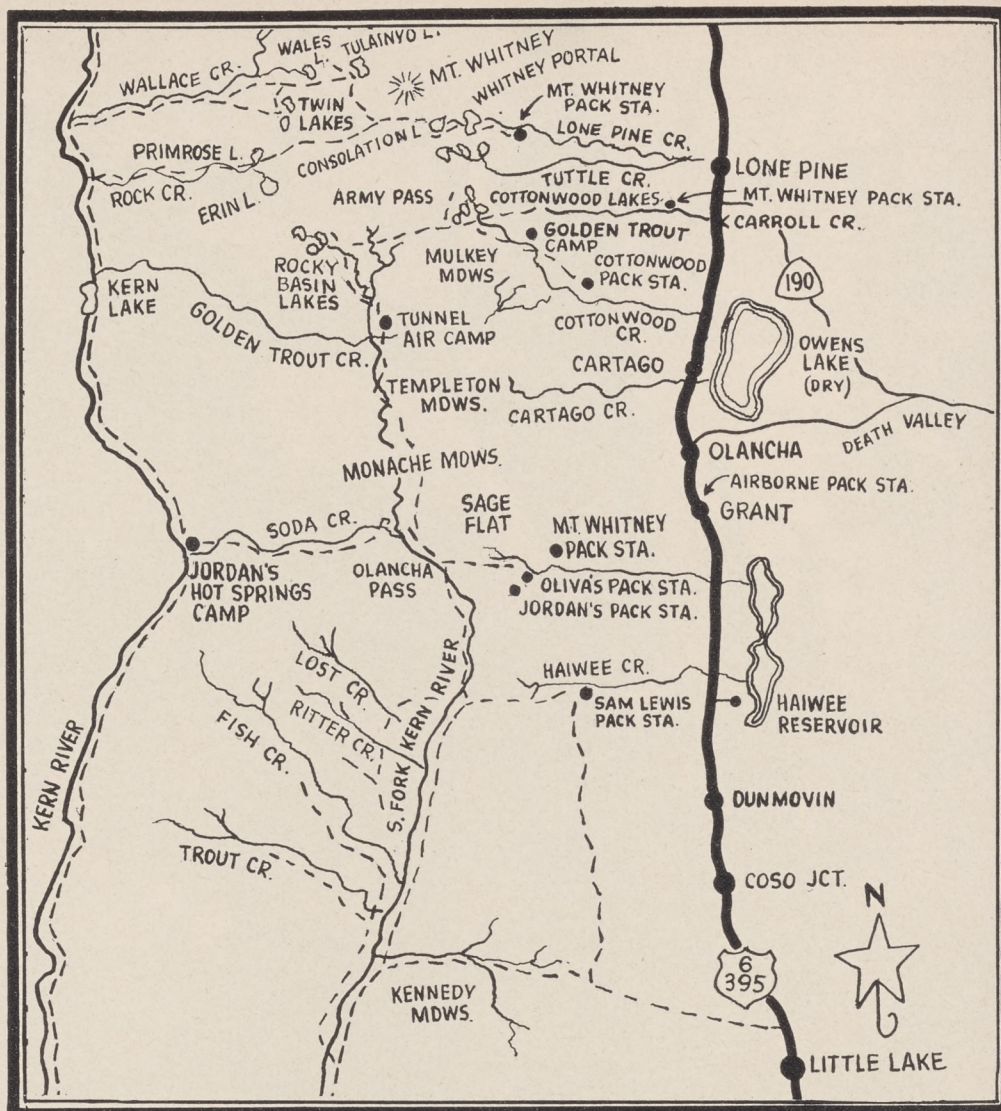
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But, whichever way you are going—north or south—you'll find that this section of the 1955 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide covers one of the most scenic and best fishing and hunting areas of the Eastern High Sierras.

Now, assuming you're driving up from the south, as you enter Inyo County, you'll probably notice a gradual change in the terrain. After the long ride across the Mojave desert stretches, you glimpse the volcanic formations along the roadside as the mountains to the west begin to get higher and higher. The red cinder mountains along the way furnish material for lightweight blocks and other building materials. Nearby pumice deposits are also extensively worked.

Perhaps your first stop in Inyo county will be at Little Lake where you will find accommodations at the newly-decorated hotel, 24-hour food service at the adjoining cafe, and service for your car, day and night,



ON THE PRECEDING
DIVISION PAGE

Here is an unusual view of Lone Pine Lake, one of the more popular lakes on the scenic trail to the top of Mt. Whitney, highest peak in the United States. Lone Pine Lake is only a short walk from the end of the road at Whitney Portal. It's a good trout lake, too. Lone Pine Lake is representative of the many fine lakes and streams in the southernmost section of the Inyo-Mono area. Many fishermen and campers visit this area every year. (Tom Henderson Photo.)

at the Chevron station and nearby garage.

The lake itself is privately owned; but for a nominal fee you can enjoy bass, crappie, and bluegill fishing from February until July. In the fall and winter there is good duck and goose hunting in the vicinity of the lake.

As you continue on a few miles up U. S. Highways 6 and 395 you come to Gill's Oasis at Coso Junction, the Sno-Pack Cafe, and Sam Lewis' Pack Station which serves the excellent back-country in the majestically-rising Sierras to the west.

The mountains east of Coso Junction are rich in minerals, but they are now a part of the Naval Ordnance Test Station experimental grounds where the high-flying guided missiles are tested. Dunmovin with its service station, cafe, and accommodations is but a short distance to the north. At Haiwee, still farther on north, the City of Los Angeles water leaves the southernmost reservoir in the Inyo-Mono country for its trip through the aqueduct to San Fernando and to the thousands



Waterfalls at Whitney Portal

of homes in Los Angeles. There also a branch line of the Southern Pacific Railroad travels close to the highway on its way to its Owenyo junction with the famous narrow-gauge line north and east of Lone Pine.

A short distance farther and you come to the turn-off to Sage Flats where pack stations are maintained by Jordan's, Henry Olivas, and Bruce Morgan. They pack into Monache, Jordan's Camp, and other High Sierra back country areas.

Grant, Olancha, and Cartago are nestled at the southern end of the Owens Valley on the shores of the once-broad Owens Lake, now dry, which is the source of many valuable industrial minerals.

Grant is the newest of these communities. It boasts a fine motel, a large service station, a busy restaurant, and an air-strip which Ed Roman uses as the base of operations for his Airborne Pack Station. Flights from his air-strip at Grant take only 20 minutes to the Monache or Templeton Meadows landing strips in the heart of fine fishing and hunting country. Pack trains,

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• Here's how Mt. Whitney, tallest peak in the United States, looks from the air. This 14,495-foot mountain, a towering landmark west of Lone Pine and Independence, has a trail leading to the top. And every year several hundred people successfully make the hike to the summit.

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ON HIGHWAYS 6 & 395... AT GRANT

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located at Monache, are prepared to pack you farther to Jordan's Hot Springs or other good wilderness area.

At Jordan's Camp there are good accommodations, a lodge, cafe, store, and mineral baths in the waters of the famous springs. And, of course, there is good Golden and Rainbow Trout fishing in the nearby lakes and streams.

Back on the highway, and traveling northward, it is only a few miles to the community of Olancho which boasts a grocery store, three service stations and a garage, two restaurants, etc. Tucker's Cafe has always been a popular stopping point here not only for its food but for its mineral, arrowhead, and photo collection. Cartago is a community located only two miles north of Olancho. It was once the terminus of the shipping company which operated two steamers on Owens Lake when that lake was full of water and the fabulous silver mines to the east were in operation.

Only a few miles south of Lone Pine you will find a turn-off westward to Leo Rogers' Cottonwood Pack Station which serves the Sierra back-country in that area, including Cottonwood Creek and Lakes and the well-known Golden Trout Camp. This resort, at a 10,000-foot elevation, is in the heart of some of the best



Water Wheel on Stream at Monache Meadows

Golden Trout fishing in Inyo-Mono and offers good accommodations and top angling and hunting for those who wish to pack in.

At the southern edge of Lone Pine, State Highway 190 travels southeastward to Keeler, Darwin, Panamint, and eventually to Death Valley. The latter two are well-known as winter resort areas. The first two are historic mining communities, near the famous Cerro Gordo operations which, more than 80 years ago, produced a fabulous amount of silver and other important minerals. Today, the mining is on a small scale except at Darwin where Anaconda Copper employs more than 100 men in its zinc and lead mines.

The town of Lone Pine, itself, is one of the most important in the High Sierra vacationland. Second only to Bishop in size,

this community boasts a half-dozen excellent motels, good stores of all types, service stations, garages, restaurants, cocktail lounges, a bakery, and airport which is the base of operation for Bob White, a good mountain flyer, who can take you into the back-country at Monache, Templeton Meadows, etc. Lone Pine also has a fine swimming pool, excellent roadside park, a good theatre, a large hotel, and other important businesses.

West from Lone Pine, above the surfaced road, is the world-famous Mt. Whitney, highest peak in continental United States. Towering 14,495 feet, it is scaled by hundreds of climbers each year. The trail, which leads to the top, starts at Whitney Portal, unsurpassed scenic wonder in itself and quite popular with fishermen, campers, and picnickers. Bruce Morgan maintains a pack station and there are several good fishing lakes in the immediate area. Of course, well-known Lone Pine Creek flows from the Portal past Cuffe's Guest Ranch, through the world-famous Alabama Hills to Lone Pine.

The Alabama Hills, a distinctive range west of the Lone Pine area, are easily recognized from the highway. And they are a favorite location for some of the Western films you have been seeing on your movie screens for many years.

South and north of Lone Pine is good stream fishing, easily reached from U. S. Highways 395 and 6, including: Ash, Cottonwood, Tuttle, Lone Pine, Hogback, and Georges Creek.



• There are accommodations for those who wish to fly or pack into Monache Meadows—an excellent center of activities in the southern High Sierras. In the picture above, Ed Roman of the Airborne Pack Station, who also operates the camp at Monache, is sitting on top of the hood of the Jeep. *Photo by Al Hove*



• John Grant, for whom the community of Grant on U. S. 395 was named, has a private camp for his friends who like to hunt and fish. Located in Monache, it is quite popular during the season. Grant himself is an ardent sportsman and Sierra booster.

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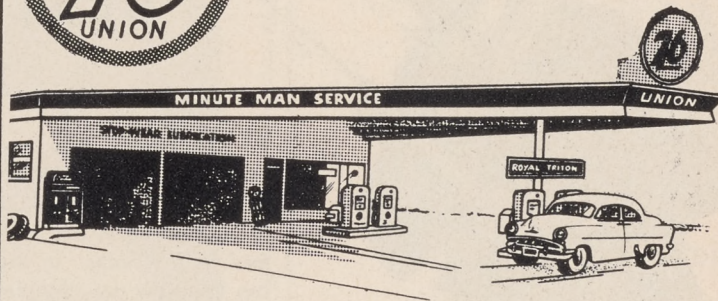
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Little Lake-Grant-Olancho-Lone Pine Area . . .



• Jordan's Hot Springs, in the High Sierra back-country west of Monache Meadows, is another well-known resort. The photo above pictures part of the camp located near the mineral springs which are popu-

lar with many sportsmen. Near Red Rock and Nine Mile Creek and only a few miles from the Kern River, the area boasts Golden and Rainbow Trout in abundance. Jordan's Camp can be reached by plane

from Grant or Lone Pine to Monache Meadows . . . and thence by pack train. Or, you can pack in from any one of three pack stations located at Sage Flat, not far from U. S. Highway 395. *Al Hove Photo.*



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• The back-country area near Monache is famous for its hunting as well as fishing . . . even the archers have a good chance of scoring during the buck season. Here Lloyd O'Donnell of Long Beach proudly

displays the two-pointer he got in 1954 with his trusty bow and arrow as Ed Roman (*seated on the plane wing*) and another archer friend look on with envy. Lots of deer are killed annually near Monache.



• Robert Miner and Harold Klapmeyer discuss their Golden Trout catch of the day near Jordan's Hot Springs. These
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Goldens are not large, but they offer real sport in catching them . . . and they're good eating. *Photo by Al Hove.*



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• Angling is usually always good in the southern High Sierra back-country and the lady in this picture really had a field day after this photo was taken last summer.

She's fishing on popular Nine-Mile Creek near Jordan's Hot Springs and doesn't have much trouble catching the Golden Trout in this stream.

Photo by Al Hove.



• These men are taking it easy at Templeton Meadows and are getting ready to return to Lone Pine after a successful fishing expedition in the back-country area. That shade and the water (in the bottle in the foreground) make for some pleasant re-

laxation. And, of course, that's Bob White's plane parked on the airstrip behind the small trees in the center of the picture. Sportsmen find it time-saving and convenient to fly in to some of the southern back country area. *Arthur Center Photo.*



• Cottonwood Lakes, nestled in the High Sierras at an elevation of more than 10,000 feet, provide excellent Golden Trout fishing for the sportsmen who wish to pack in. There are six of these lakes, south and west of Lone Pine, and they can be reached by Leo Rogers' Cottonwood Pack Station or by Mt. Whitney Pack Train from Carroll Creek. The well-known Golden Trout Camp is located near these top fishing lakes. *Fraser's Photo.*



• It's a long way to the top of Mt. Whitney, but every summer hundreds are successful in reaching the towering summit. Among those who were able to make the trip to the top in 1954 were Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ford of San Jose who walked all the way, but got a little help from their trusty pack mule in carrying along the supplies. They don't look tired. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

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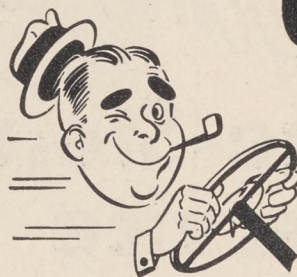
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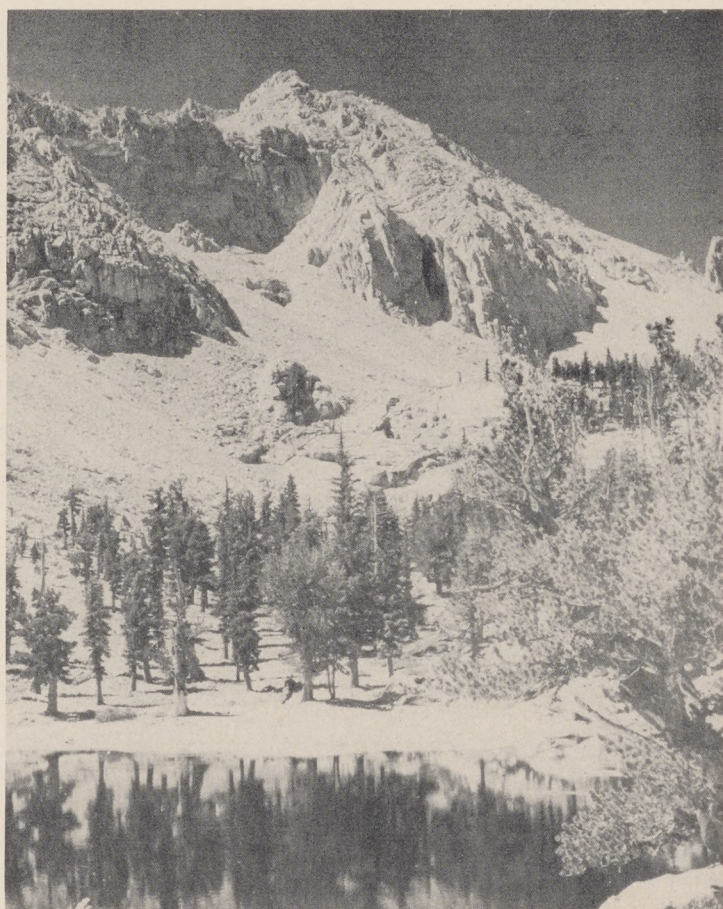
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• Lone Pine Creek, from Whitney Portal down to the town itself, is one of the most popular fishing streams in the area. It is heavily stocked with catchable-size Rainbows each year and many of them reach a very nice size. Suzanne Bolton (*in the picture above*), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bolton of Oceanside, casts into a likely-looking pool near Whitney Portal, west of Lone Pine. Her luck was good. *Photo by Nancy Henderson.*



• The trail to the top of Mt. Whitney passes many such lakes as this. And most of them are good fishing, too. This is a view of Lone Pine Lake, one of the larger and more popular ones. It has many fine camp sites near its shores. *Photo by Tom Henderson,*



• This group of back-packers successfully made the trip to the summit of Mt. Whitney last summer. They are (from left to right): D. B. Daziel, Berkeley; David Leeming, 15, Victoria, B. C.; Anne Daziel,

16, and Alec Daziel, 14, both of Berkeley. They are gazing up the trail toward the Mt. Whitney summit . . . and right about then it looks like a long way off. But they made it. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• An interesting view of odd rock formations in the famous Alabama Hills west of Lone Pine. Note towering Mt. Whitney in the far background. This particular rock (shown at the right of the photo) is known

as "The Sentinel." The Alabama Hills are popular as setting for movies and for additional pictures of them, as used in the Hollywood films, turn back to pages 37 and 38. *Dept. of Water and Power Photo.*

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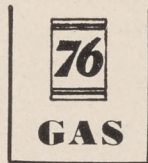
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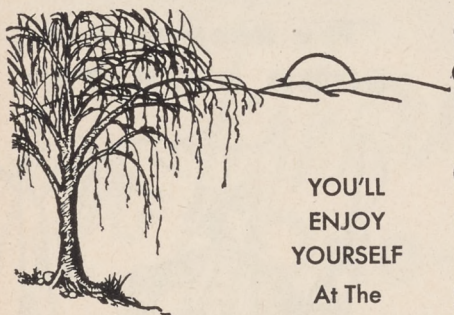
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• The view across Mirror Lake, on the trail to the top of Mt. Whitney, shows rugged granite spires jutting skyward. This is a good place to "sleep under the stars"

if you are taking several days to make your trek to the top. Mirror Lake is also considered good fishing . . . as are many of the others. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

• People come from all over the world just to make the trip to the top of Mt. Whitney . . . or just enjoy some of the scenery and fishing along the interesting trail. Here are Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Helem from Port Alberni, British Columbia, who with their son are taking it easy and are enjoying every minute of the trip along the Mt. Whitney Trail. "Let the horses do all the dirty work" is their motto. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Whitney Portal, located at the terminus of the road west from Lone Pine, is one of the really popular spots in that part of the High Sierra. Here is a picture of the 1954 barbecue staged by the Death Valley '49ers at the picnic grounds at the Portal. Families find it an ideal picnic place . . . and so do groups of all kinds. Whitney Portal seems to have everything—good public camp grounds in the area, excellent stream fishing on Lone Pine Creek, top lake fishing in nearby lakes, and incomparable scenery with a beautiful waterfall and rugged mountains for a backdrop. When you stop in the Lone Pine area this summer, you'll want to make a journey to Whitney Portal. *Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt.*



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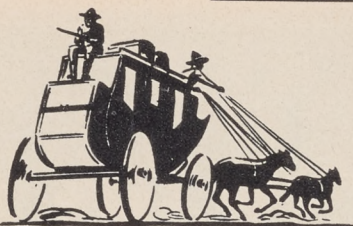
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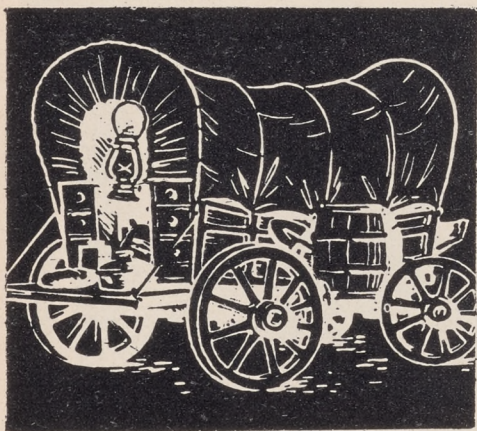
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This is a view of Keeler Needles across
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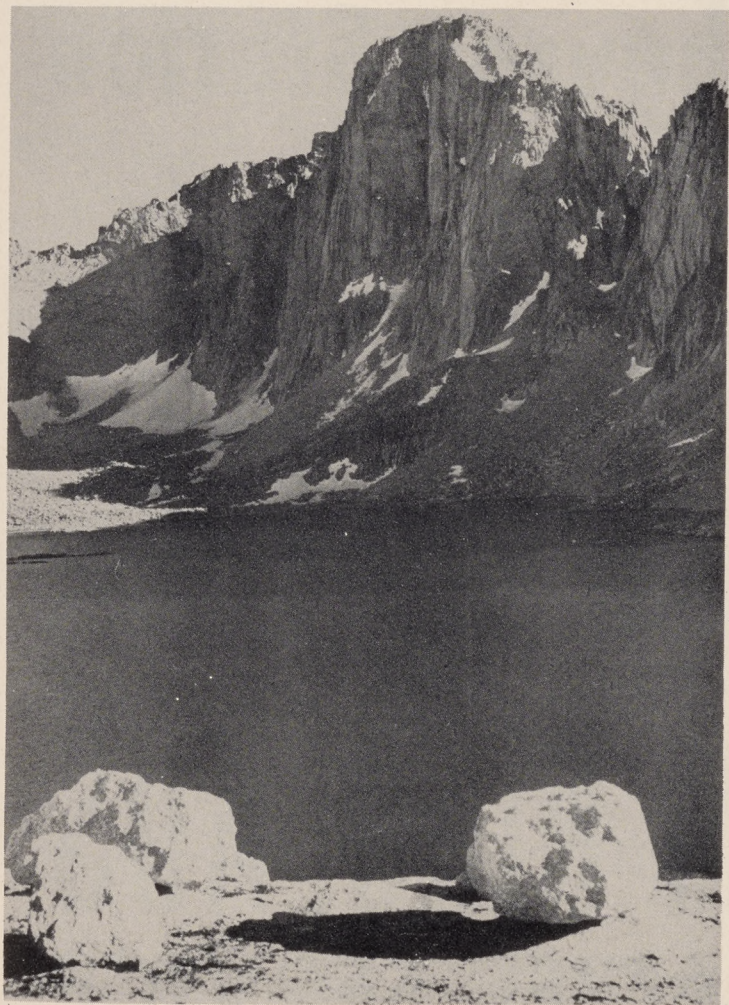
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• Wales Lake is another high country lake located north of Mt Whitney. It is ice-covered late in the season and you'll usually find snow in the immediate vicinity, all year long. Note the rugged grandeur of the massive peak. *Photo by Curtis Phillips.*

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In the Summer . . .

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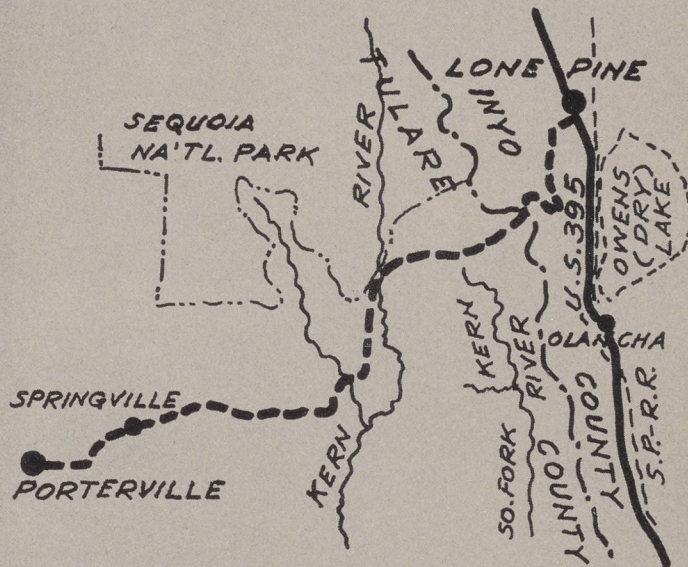
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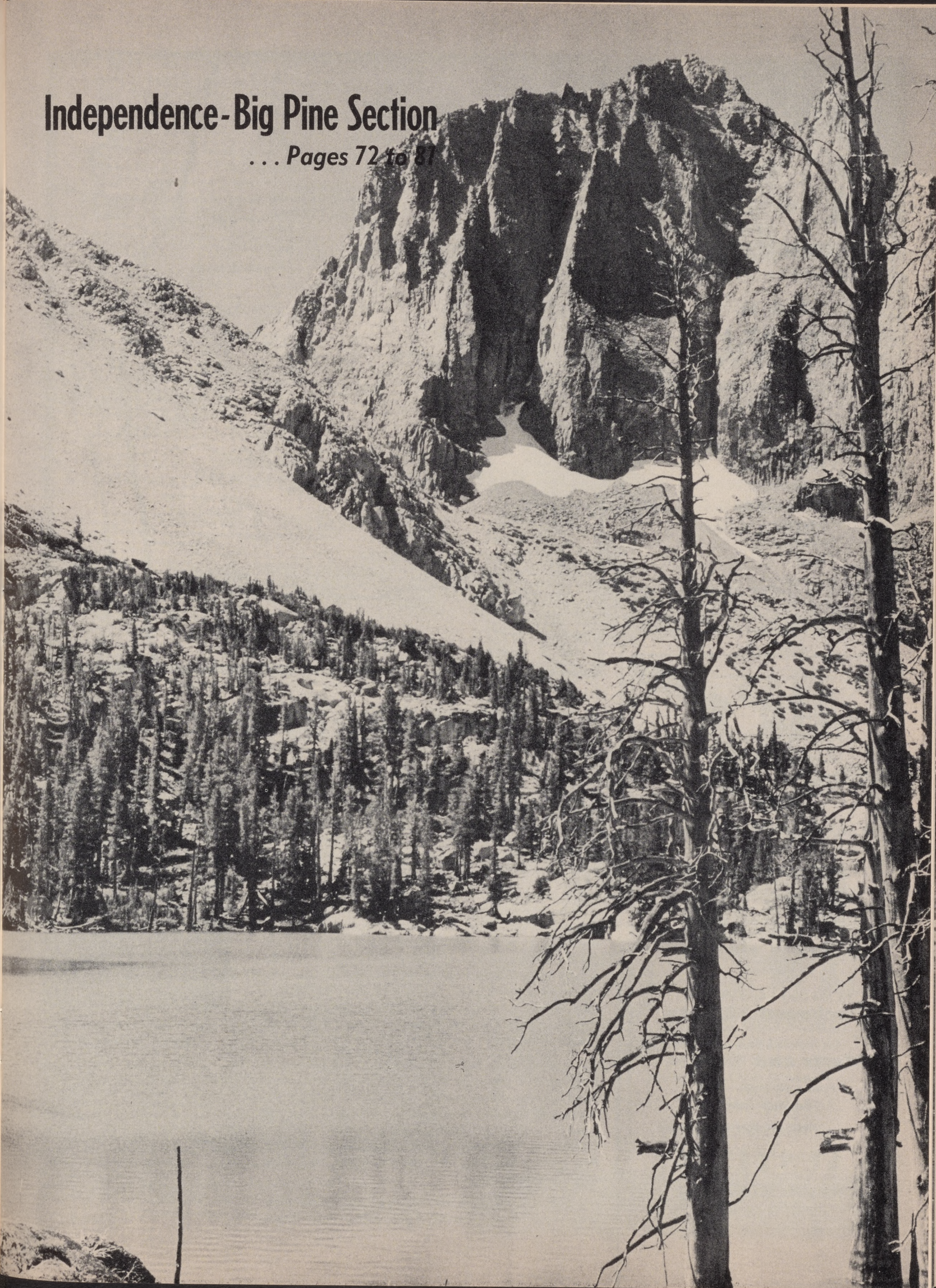
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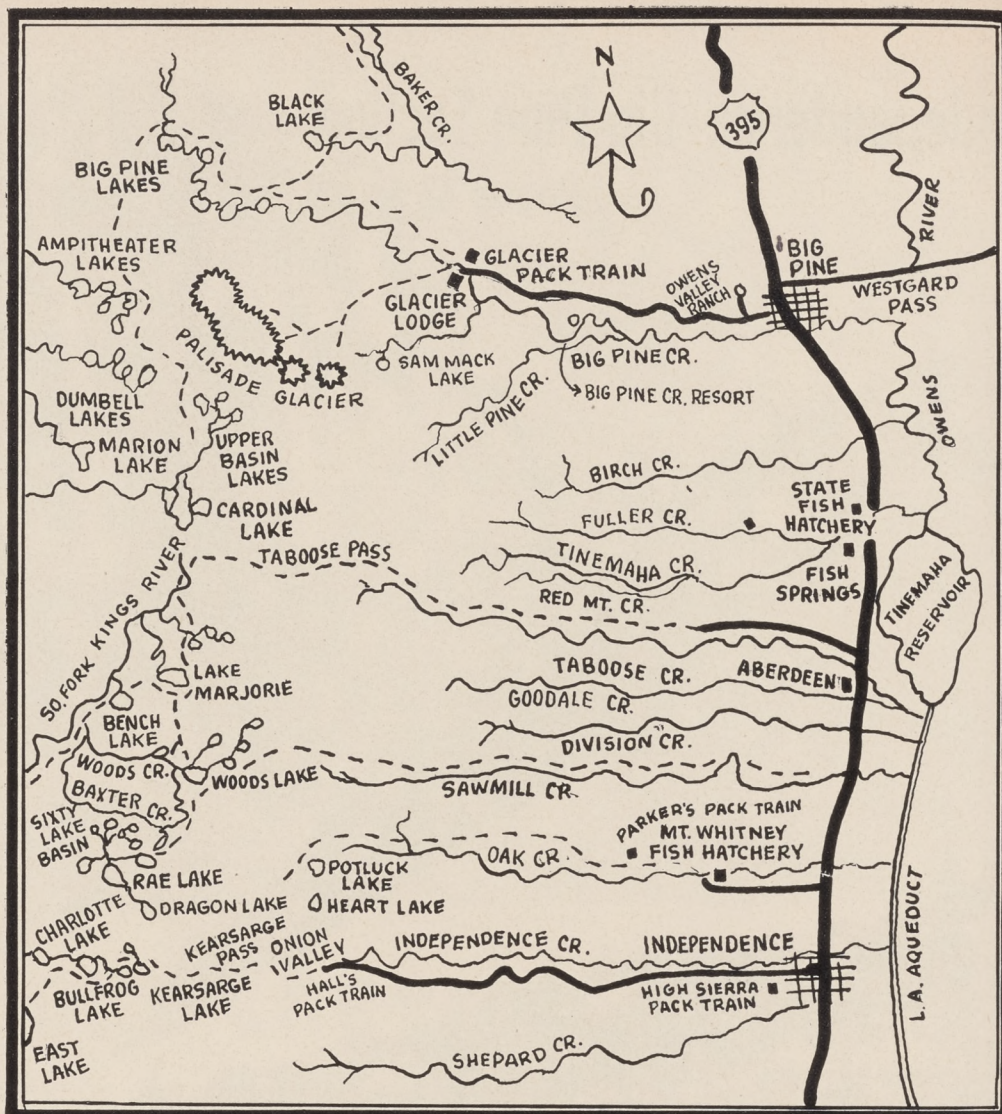
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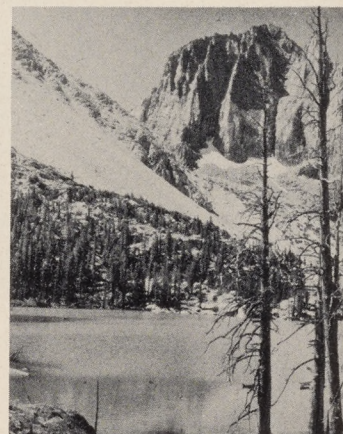
Independence-Big Pine Section

Independence, the county seat of Inyo County, lies 15½ miles north of Lone Pine on U. S. 395 and 6. Besides being quite an historic community, often mentioned in early California stories and legends, Independence is asserting itself as an important trading area adjacent to some fine High Sierra fishing and hunting country.

In the center of town, you'll readily notice the courthouse, museum, sheriff's office, and jail on the east side of the street. These are the center of governmental activity for Inyo County which in area is the second largest county in California (in fact it's the second largest county in the United States; San Bernardino County is first). Sparsely settled, for the most part, because of large desert and mountain areas, Inyo County nevertheless plays an important role in all Eastern California activities.

Independence has a group of friendly merchants who are well prepared to take care of the heavy traffic of fishermen and tourists which flows through the community, especially during the summer. There are several motels, two hotels, service stations, garages, restaurants (at least one stays open 24 hours a day), two grocery markets, two general stores, and other important business.

This community is also the headquarters for three pack trains—Dud Carter's High Sierra Pack Train,

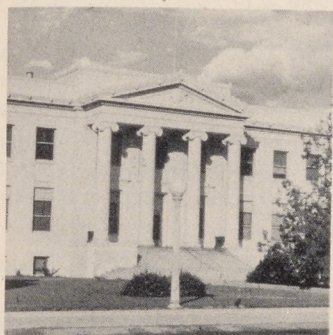


ON THE PRECEDING
DIVISION PAGE

This is First Lake, one of the most accessible of the Big Pine Lakes. And it is certainly one of the most scenic, too, as the picture indicates. All of the Big Pine Lakes are beautiful and good fishing. They can be readily reached by pack train and some of the more ambitious people hike into them. Temple Crag is the background for the picture. There are many fine back-country lakes in the Independence-Big Pine section of Inyo-Mono. (Photo by Tom Henderson.)

Murray Hall's Pack Trains, and Parker's Pack Train—all of which serve extremely popular back-country areas in the Sierras to the west. Carter and Hall operate out of Onion Valley and Parker has his headquarters west of Fort Independence and the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

The drive westward on the road to Onion Valley is thrilling and quite scenic. In the 15-mile trip you climb from the 3,925 elevation of Independence to the 9,000-foot level at Onion Valley, where there are public camp grounds, many private cabins, and the two pack stations. You'll want to make this trip.



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Almost directly west is Kearsarge Pass which takes you into some fine back-country fishing lakes and streams as well as an intersection with the famous north-south John Muir Trail. To the south, in the wilderness area between Independence and Lone Pine, is the well-known Shepherd Pass. To the north of Kearsarge and Onion Valley are Baxter and Sawmill Passes. All of these take you across the Sierra Crest

into either Sequoia or Kings Canyon National Parks and some of the most scenic and best fishing country in the entire Inyo-Mono area. But, if you don't have the time or inclination to pack in, you can still find good fishing in the Independence area. To the south of town, accessible readily from U. S. 395 and 6, are the south and north fork of Bairs Creek, Shepherds, Symnes, and Pinyon Creeks. Popular Independence Creek extends westward from the town itself. All of these streams, though comparatively small, are stocked heavily with catchable size trout by the Department of Fish and Game and many limits of good eating fish are taken during the season.

Traveling on north from Independence you soon pass Old Fort Independence (where many troops were stationed in the early days) on the east side of the road while the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery will be noted on the west. Here is also the road leading westward to Parker's Pack Train which serves the back-country area across Baxter and Sawmill Passes, etc.

Aberdeen Resort is located 13½ miles north of Independence, almost half-way between that community and Big Pine, the northern boundary of this section of the 1955 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. As you make the trip northward from Independence

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• Rae Lake, located in the back-country west and north of Independence, is pictured above. In the background are Fin Dome and Dragon Peak. It's near the famous John Muir Trail and is reached by the Kearsarge Pass trail.

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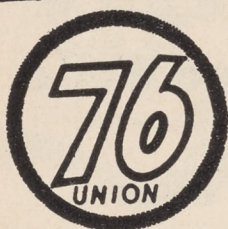
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dence to Big Pine, you will pass several small fishing streams quite accessible from U. S. 395 and 6 and regularly stocked with catchable-size trout. They are: south and north fork of Oak Creek, Sawmill, Division, Goodale, Taboose, and Birch Creeks. There are other good streams, too, but they cannot be reached by car and require hiking. Between Aberdeen and Big Pine are the Fish Springs Resort and another state fish hatchery.

Big Pine, itself, is another friendly community which caters strongly to tourist and fisherman trade. There are a half-dozen service stations, several good motels, garages, restaurants, stores of most types, and other business houses. And, to the west of the town, reached by a good surfaced road which in general follows the course of Big Pine Creek, is some of the highest and most scenic mountain country in the West.

This road extends westward from the heart of town and passes close by to the Owens Valley Ranch where there is a private trout pond and usually some of their own home-grown fresh fruits for sale. Onward and upward this road goes, and soon passes McPhail's Big Pine Creek Resort, where there are excellent accommodations and good angling for guests in their own privately stocked and controlled areas of Big Pine Creek. Jake Zediker's Glacier Pack Train is a short distance farther and those who wish to pack into the rugged back-country will find his trips to the famed Palisade Glacier, Big Pine Lakes, the Kings River Country, and the Baker and Coyote areas full of lovely scenery and excellent fishing for Rainbow, Brook, and Golden Trout.

Near the end of the road is Glacier Lodge, a complete resort with good accommodations, a store, cafe, and an Upper Lodge in the wilderness area in the Big Pine Lakes area above. There are seven of these Big Pine lakes. They are all extremely beautiful and the angling is excellent. In addition, there are other lakes and streams in the immediate area.

And, the famed Palisade Glacier, known as the southernmost glacier in the United States, is quite an attraction for tourists, camera bugs, and other sportsmen. It is only 2½ miles from the Upper Lodge but it's a rather rough climb. Some hike it; but most make this trip on the back of a sure-footed pack horse.



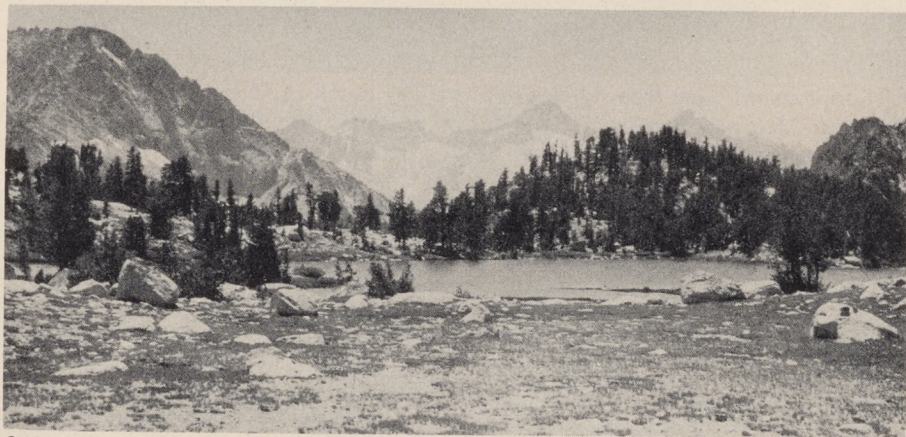
• Woods Lake is another well-known lake in the Independence back-country and can be reached across Sawmill Pass. Elevation is 10,669 feet and fishing is good for those who wish to make the pack trip. It's certainly scenic, too.

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• Kearsarge Pinnacles are graphically shown as the background for the photo above. Kearsarge Lakes are pictured in the

foreground. They're located south and west of Independence, across Kearsarge Pass. Fishing is good. *Photo by Don Cornelson.*



• Bullfrog Lake is one of the better known fishing waters west of Independence and can be reached by the Kearsarge Pass Trail west from Onion Valley. Hall's Pack Train and High Sierra Pack Train serve this area. *Don Cornelson Photo.*



• Onion Valley, located at the end of the highway west from Independence, is the headquarters for two pack outfits serving

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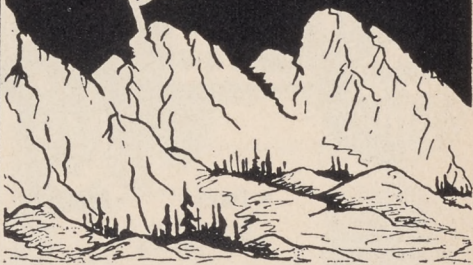
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• The westward view from U. S. Highway 395 north of Independence is always inspiring. Here's an especially clear portrayal of majestic Mt. Whitney and adjacent peaks with trees along highway in foreground. *Dept. Water & Power Photo.*



• Jim Odiorne of Independence proudly holds the 7 lb. Brown Trout he took on Gilbert Lake west of Onion Valley June 20, 1954. It's the biggest trout caught in that lake in many years. He used a black gnat fly in making his near-record catch.



• And Kristy Williams, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of Lakewood, California, is just as proud of the trout which she caught all by herself near popular Glacier Lodge on Big Pine Creek. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

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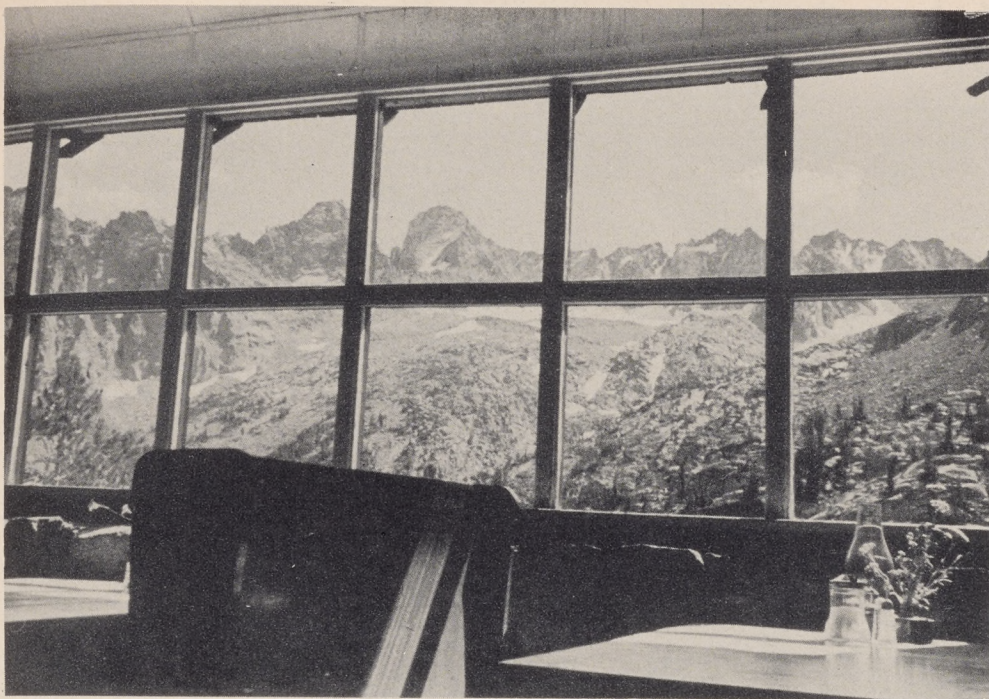
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• Arlene Snead from Long Beach tosses a line into Big Pine Creek while her friend, Dana Boon from Trona, keeps an eye on the water—just in case a trout grabs the lure. There are many good trout fishing spots along Big Pine Creek and the Glacier Lodge and the Big Pine Creek Resort are well patronized. The Department of Fish and Game annually plants between 30,000 and 40,000 catchable-size Rainbows in this popular stream and Big Pine Creek Resort plants the portion of stream which it controls. *Tom Henderson Photo.*



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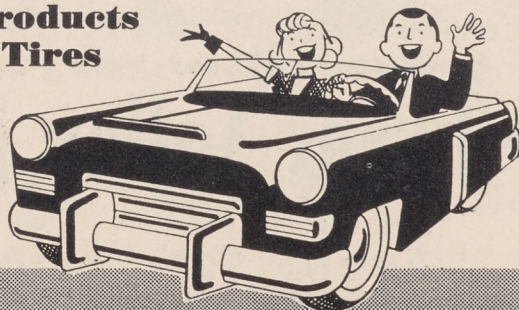
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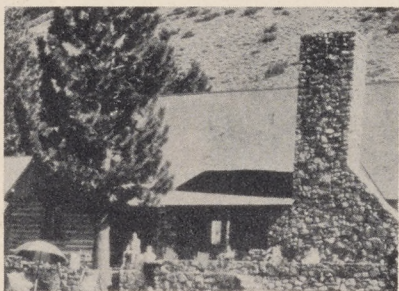
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• Roy Steadman finds a good fishing spot on the shore of Fifth Lake, above Glacier Lodge. The Big Pine Lakes are all popular

for their fine fishing and excellent scenery. Artists and camera fans find this setting quite to their liking. *Photo by Al Hove.*



• Here's a view of Sixth and Seventh Lake with Temple Crag at the right. They can be reached by trail from the Upper Glacier

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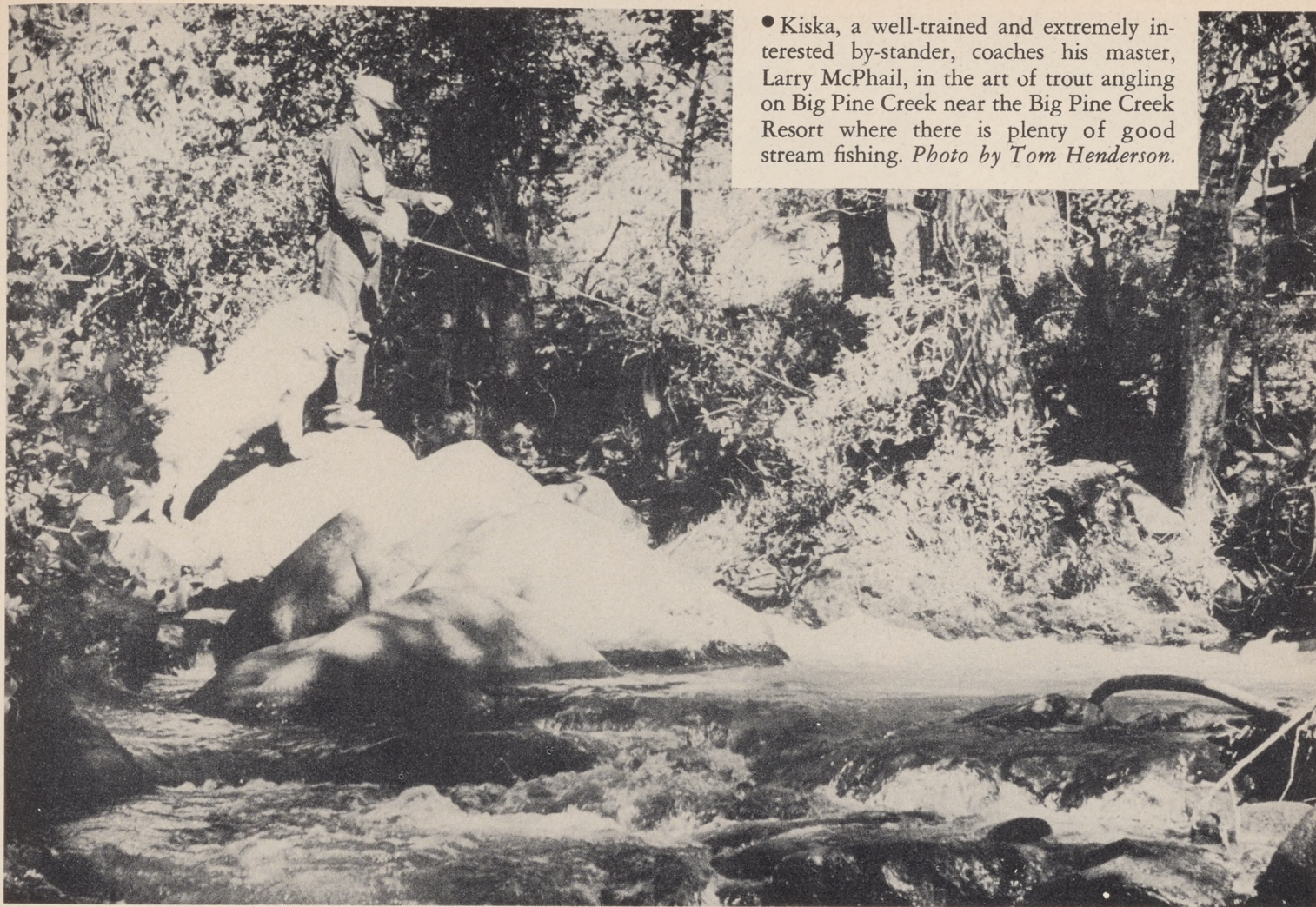
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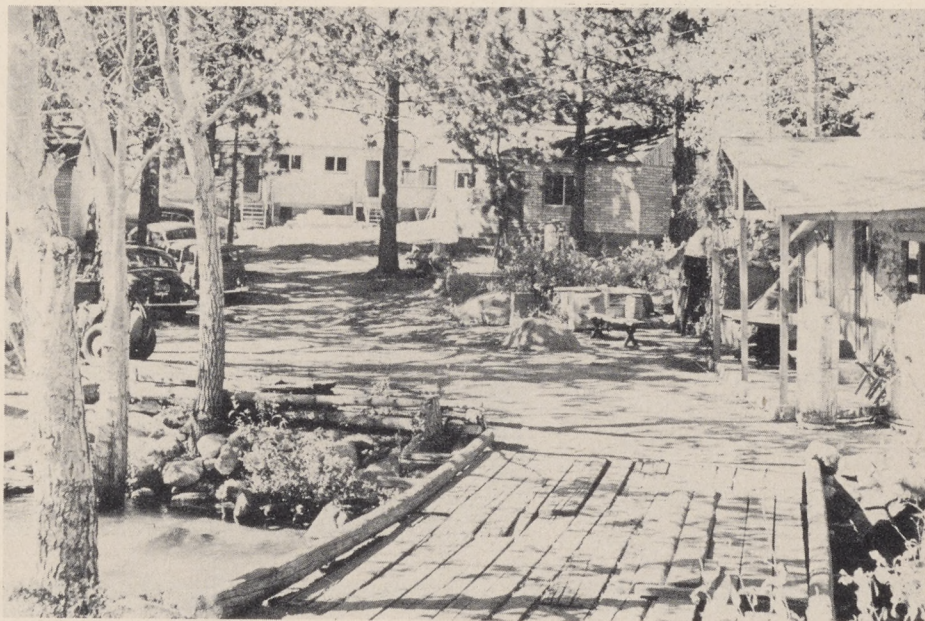


• Kiska, a well-trained and extremely interested by-stander, coaches his master, Larry McPhail, in the art of trout angling on Big Pine Creek near the Big Pine Creek Resort where there is plenty of good stream fishing. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

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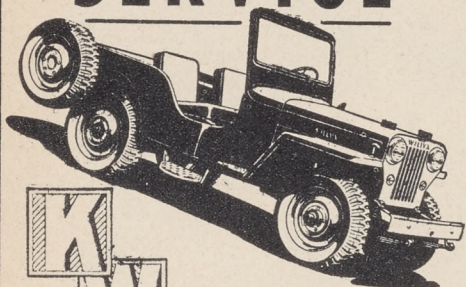
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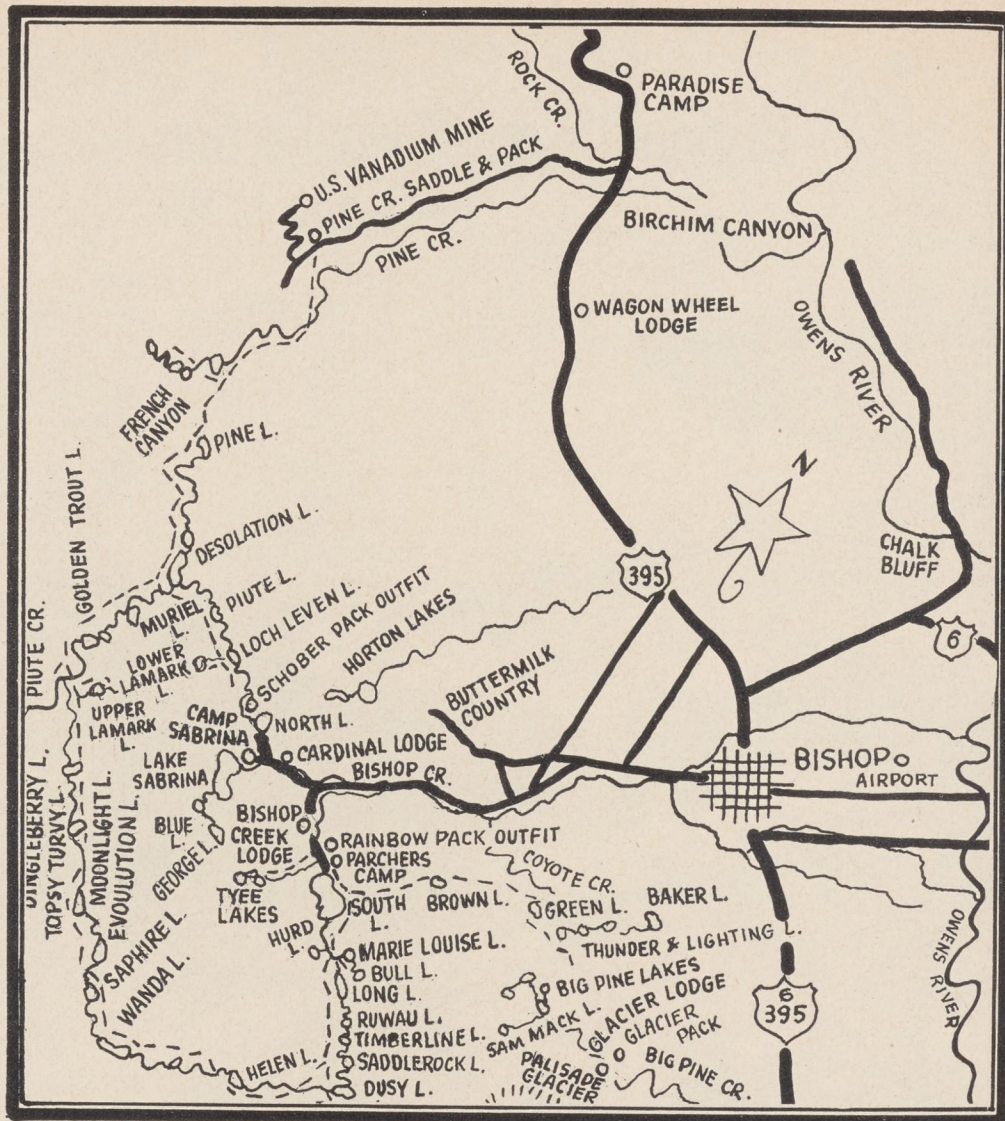
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Bishop-Owens River Section

Bishop is the natural center of the Inyo-Mono vacationland, both in location and in business. Only incorporated city within the two-county area, it boasts a population of approximately 3,000 people and a large downtown business district geared to handle a huge flow of traffic of tourists and fishermen, especially during the summer months. Located on U. S. Highways 395 and 6, approximately 275 miles north of Los Angeles and 209 miles south of Reno, it is a natural stop-over for the thousands of people who make this trip. Fifteen restaurants are located in the downtown area and others on the outskirts of town. Several stay open day and night during the summer months and at least one stays open 24-hours through the entire year.

There are nearly a score of good motels of various size located in the downtown Bishop area and others on the outskirts. Also, there are 18 service stations operating in the downtown area and others outside the city limits. Several stay open all night during the summer months and at least one operates around the clock, seven days a week, summer and winter.

In addition, there are many other types of business catering to the fishermen and tourists, including a branch of the Bank of America, four sporting goods stores, two hardware stores, several clothing and department stores, two variety stores, a book store and



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One of the many un-named lakes in the Sabrina Basin west of Bishop is in the foreground of this picture. Well-known Mt. Haeckle, a near 14,000 foot peak, points its split top toward a cloud above the rugged Sierra Crest. This portion of beautiful back-country is easily reached by horseback or on foot from the end of the road at Lake Sabrina. Fishing is good in these lakes for Rainbows and Brookies. And you'll catch Goldens in some. (Photo by Tom Henderson.)

news-stand, a half-dozen cocktail lounges, two lumber yards, two drug stores, two super markets (another located on U. S. 395 north of town), a large printing plant, two wholesale auto parts stores, a modern theatre, a Western Auto Store, several new and used car dealers and garages, two bakeries, four barber shops, two furniture stores, two appliance stores, a radio sales and service store, several real estate and insurance brokers, five off-sale liquor stores, and other incidental business.

Bishop is the western headquarters for the Wah Chang Mining Corp., Inyo Lumber Company, Inc., Huntley Industrial Minerals, and other industry important to the area. Many of the local people are employed by these companies as well as the U. S. Vanadium Company whose large tungsten mine and mill are located in nearby Pine Creek. In addition, large number of local men and women are employed by the California Electric Power Company, the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles, and the California Inter-



Beautiful Lake Sabrina

state Telephone Company, all of which have large operations in the Inyo-Mono area.

In the vicinity are two roadside parks which are popular with tourists as places to eat lunch or enjoy a rest. Bishop is also the home of the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair and Rodeo.

Bishop also boasts a fine airport with long, paved runways, U. S. Weather Bureau, and all facilities. Symons Flying Service has its headquarters here.

At the north edge of Bishop U. S. Highway 6 branches eastward to Benton, Tonopah, and other Nevada cities on its way to the East coast. U. S. Highway 395 bears northwestward to the resort country of Mono County and on to Carson City and Reno, thence northward.

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Gloria Redmon Fishing on Bishop Creek.

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But while Bishop is quite important as a stop-over for thousands of fishermen and tourists each year, it also boasts some of the finest recreational facilities nearby. State Route 76 westward from downtown Bishop (West Line St.) is surfaced all the way to Lake Sabrina at an elevation of 9,170 feet. The road usually follows Bishop Creek, one of the longest and finest fishing streams in the entire Inyo-Mono area, and one of the principal sources of power for the California Electric Power Company.

As you travel westward (and upward) there is a branch road to South Lake, and another turnoff to North Lake, as the main road continues to Lake Sabrina. The latter lake, largest and deepest of the group, is always quite popular with the boat and shore fishermen and results are usually good. Boats can be rented there and the immediate vicinity is served by Camp Sabrina on the highway nearby. Also close at hand is Schober's Pack Train which can pack you across Piute Pass into Humphrey's Basin, or other fine back-country fishing spots.

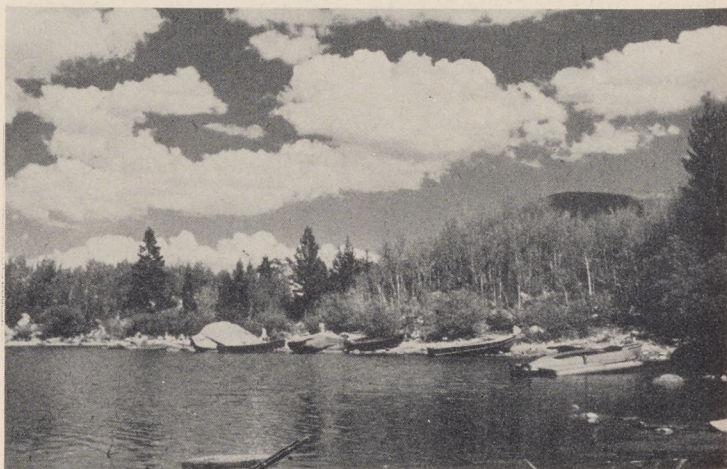
North Lake, another extremely popular fishermen's haven, is served by Cardinal Village Resort which has accommodations, a store, and lunchroom.

Parcher's Camp is located at South Lake, always a good fishing spot, and so is the Rainbow Pack Station which serves a large back-country area across Bishop Pass and into the South and Middle Forks of the Kings River. On the road to South Lake, you pass the Bishop Creek Lodge which offers accommodations, a private meadow, and their own trout pond as well as good stream fishing on the South Fork of Bishop Creek.

East and north of the city of Bishop, the Owens River, one of the most famous trout streams in the West, furnishes good angling. Especially popular spots in the Bishop vicinity are Laws Bridge, Five Bridges, Chalk Bluff, and Birchim Canyon. Most of the large trout caught in the Owens River are Browns, but there are lots of Rainbows in it, too. Some grow to huge size and good fishermen seldom get skunked.

The area covered by this section of the 1955 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide extends northward and westward along U. S. Highway 395, past the Meadow Farms Store, Brockman's Store, the Round Valley Store and Garage, and the Wagon Wheel Lodge to Pine Creek.

To the west of the highway, a sign notes the directions toward the U. S. Vanadium Company's huge tungsten mine and mill. Rovana, home of many of its workers, can readily be seen. Nearby is the Pine Creek Saddle and Pack Station which can take you to French Canyon, one of the principal haunts of the world-famous Golden Trout, and other back-country areas.



• North Lake is one of the most popular lakes in the area. Although not as large as South Lake and Lake Sabrina, it produces some good fishing and is quite beautiful. *Photo by Al Hove.*



• The Owens River always produces good fishing for the experienced angler. And the two shown here, Blanche and Tex Trail of Bishop, know what they are doing and they get good results. Here they are pic-

tured at one of their favorite spots near Chalk Bluff. The Owens River is heavily planted with catchable-size Rainbows, but there are also plenty of Brown Trout which are large. *Tom Henderson Photo.*



• South Lake, 25 miles southwest of Bishop on a good road, is one of the best known lakes in the Inyo-Mono area. Embracing 100 acres, it has a maximum depth of 100 feet. Fishing is moderate-to-heavy and the Department of Fish and Game an-

nually plants it with 20,000 catchable-size Rainbows. Parcher's Camp is located on the lake and so is the Rainbow Pack Station. Bishop Creek Lodge is located on the South Fork of Bishop Creek on the road to South Lake. *Steve Lukacik Photo.*

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• Joyce Siegrist of Bishop enjoys the fishing as well as the scenery along the Middle Fork of Bishop Creek below Lake Sabrina. Nice scenery, huh? Joyce is 16 and goes to high school in Bishop. And now back to Bishop Creek . . . It is one of the longest and best streams in the entire Eastern High Sierra and is heavily planted with catchable-size Rainbow Trout every year. A look at the map will show you that the Middle Fork is dammed to form Lake Sabrina (*more about this lake else-*

where) and then it continues downward to the Town of Bishop and on into the Owens River. On its way down, it is joined by the South Fork (*from South Lake*) and the North Fork (*from North Lake*) to form a powerful, gushing stream that has been utilized by the California Electric Power Company for many years. The fishing is good the entire length and Department of Fish and Game trucks are kept busy stocking it throughout the season because of the heavy play it gets. *Tom Henderson Photo.*

• Marvin E. Nelson of Los Angeles holds two 3 lb. Brown Trout which he caught on the Owens River, near Five Bridges, August 14 of last year. He was using a spinner when he hooked these beauties. Five Bridges is one of the most popular fishing spots on the Owens River. Try it this year!

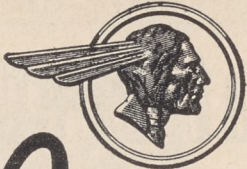
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• Long Lake is a popular back-country lake between South Lake and Bishop Pass. If you like to hike, you can make it . . . or Rainbow Pack Station from South Lake

will make it easy for you. The fishing here is usually good and the Department of Fish and Game annually stocks it with Rainbow fingerlings. *Steve Lukacik Photo.*



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What People Do...When They're Not Fishing

Mining, Lumbering, Cattle, City, State and Federal Agencies Important to Area

What do the local residents of the Bishop area do when they're not fishing?

Well, naturally enough, most of them work for a living.

It is true that the region depends mainly on the tourist and the trout fishing business for its livelihood and that hundreds of people are employed in the resorts, service stations, restaurants, and stores which directly serve the visiting public—especially during the summer months when the influx is at its height. But there is also a solid back-bone of other payrolls in the area, to supply the work and money needed to keep the community alive and solvent, especially during the winter months.

Most important, probably, is the tungsten mining activity in the vicinity of Bishop. Two largest producers are the United States Vanadium Company, with its mine and mill in the Pine Creek area, and the Wah Chang Mining Corporation, which has its offices in Bishop but its mine (*Black Rock*) about 32 miles north of town on U. S. 6. There are, however, many smaller producers of tungsten ore, many of which use the facilities of the larger companies for milling and processing.

The U. S. Vanadium is the largest single local operation. About 400 people are employed at the mine and mill, providing a payroll of approximately \$2,000,000 annually. In addition, the company buys crude ores from smaller producers and processes them in their Pine Creek mill. These purchases, along with supplies, services, and freight, add another important \$1¼ million dollars to the money in circulation in the Bishop-Pine Creek area.



• ABOVE—The surface installation of the U. S. Vanadium's Pine Creek mine, at an altitude of 9300 feet, is pictured here. From this point, the tunnel extends into the mountain for approximately 7,700 feet and mining is carried on at several levels up to an elevation of 10,939 feet. The mill is located below, at an elevation of 7800 feet. *Phillips Camera House Photo.*



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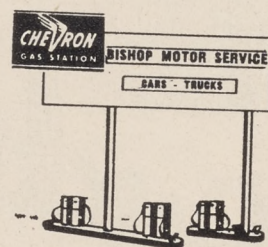
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The Pine Creek site, where the Vanadium mine is located, has been an important mining area for nearly 50 years. Originally discovered and filed as a silver-lead claim by M. B. Sherwin, the location was allowed to lapse. It was later claimed by two prospectors, Sproule and Vaughan, who in 1916 became interested in the property for its tungsten. Mining has been carried on intermittently since. U. S. Vanadium acquired the property in 1936 and has worked it until now. For many years it has been called the "largest tungsten mine in the world" and it may still be.

The Wah Chang Mining Corporation has its executive offices in Bishop and operates tungsten mines in Mono County and in Lincoln County, Nevada. Seventeen are employed in the Bishop offices and 128 men are working at the Mono county mine.

This mine, often called the "Black Rock Mine," utilizes both open pit and underground mining methods. Capacity of the mill is approximately 600 tons a day and mine production is gradually being increased to that figure. Wah Chang's operation in Nevada is considerably larger, where mining and milling are carried on at a rate of 800 tons a day and approximately 200 men are employed.

The payroll of the Black Rock Mine and the Bishop office approximates \$900,000 annually and this, coupled with the local purchases etc., make the Wah Chang Mining Corporation quite important to the economy of the area.

It would be quite unfair not to mention the many independent producers and small companies who are mining tungsten ore. Some are one man operations; others a little larger. Some are making it go in a big way. And all add to the payroll of the Bishop area.

Mining has always been important to this Eastern High Sierra region and there was a time when prospectors were plentiful . . . seeking out and mining gold, silver, lead, zinc, etc. Now, it is mainly tungsten—although quite a large number of hopefuls are scouring the hills for uranium and occasionally there is a small gold or silver operation. Most of the lead and zinc is mined by Anaconda Copper near Darwin, southeast of Lone Pine, where they employ 100 men and are quite an important factor in the payroll of the southern part of Inyo-Mono.

But, back up in the Bishop area again . . . most of the mining, outside of tungsten, is in non-metallic industrial minerals. Largest single operator in the area is Huntley Industrial Minerals whose headquarters are at Laws. This company mines and gathers together various kinds of minerals—including talc, pyrophyllite, sericite mica, asbestos, feldspar, and slate—and ships them to manufacturers in various parts of the country. The Huntley Company employs about 30 men the year around. Other companies mine talc, pumice, etc. but on a slightly smaller scale.

Lumbering is also of importance to the area and Bishop is headquarters of the Inyo Lumber Company, Inc., which carries on logging operations in the Inyo National Forest east of Crest-

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• LEFT—These miners are preparing a dynamite charge in one of the shafts of the Black Rock Mine in Mono County, owned and operated by the Wah Chang Mining Corporation. This company carries on both open pit and shaft mining at this location and employs about 125 men in the Bishop area. Photo by George Turner, Bishop.

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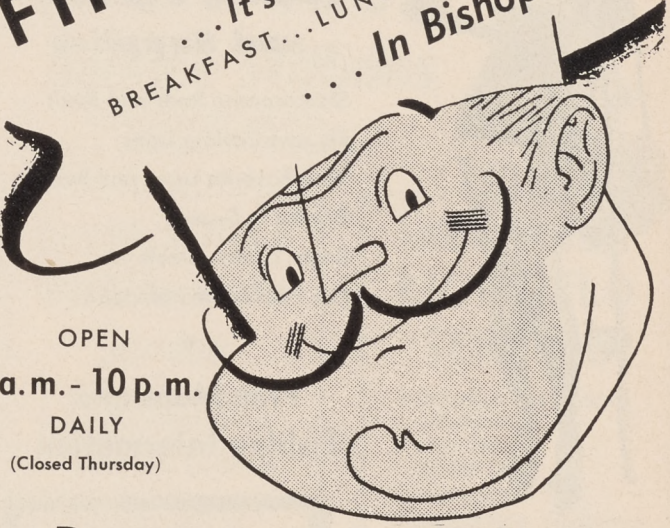


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What the People Do...

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view. Approximately 120 men are employed throughout the year in the forest and at the sawmill located five miles northwest of Bishop. Fruit and vegetable boxes are also manufactured. Local payroll is about \$500,000 a year.

Of considerable interest to the Bishop area is the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles. Principal operation, of course, is at Crowley Lake—source of the water which supplies between 70 and 80 per cent of Metropolitan Los Angeles. Construction of the Pleasant Valley dam north and west of Bishop also employs a large number of men and many more are needed for inspection and maintenance on the aqueduct and power lines extending southward. Altogether, approximately 300 people are employed in Inyo-Mono and the annual payroll is about \$1,700,000.

Approximately 125 men are employed by the California Electric Power Company in Inyo and Mono Counties and about 100 of them work in or near Bishop, operating headquarters of the company. Five power plants are located on Bishop Creek and others are in operation on Rush Creek, Lee Vining Creek (*Pool Plant*), and Mill Creek in the Lee Vining area.

California Electric furnishes power and light for all of the Inyo-Mono area with the exception of Bishop, Big Pine, Independence, and Lone Pine which are serviced by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. In addition, the company supplies power to a large Nevada area, including Tonopah, Goldfield, etc. Annual payroll in the Bishop area is approximately \$500,000.

California Interstate Telephone Company also has its operating headquarters at Bishop and employs about 65 men and women in the immediate area and many more in other parts of the two counties. They furnish phone service to all of the Inyo-Mono area, as far north as Gardnerville, Nevada, and as far south as Big Bear, including Barstow, Victorville, Inyokern, Trona, Ridgecrest, etc. Their payroll through the entire area is quite large and very important to the region.

Cattle raising is also an important factor in the economy of the area and a considerable number of people are employed directly and indirectly by this industry. Most of the grazing land is owned by the City of Los Angeles and leased to the cattlemen.

Bishop is also the center of Inyo-Mono activity of various State of California agencies, including the Division of Highways, Department of Fish and Game, California Highway Patrol, Department of Motor Vehicles, etc. All of these agencies add to the payroll of this area, but the largest single employer is the Division of Highways, whose new District IX office is located just south of Bishop.

The Division of Highways employs 84 men and women at its Bishop headquarters and another 111 laborers at its various highway maintenance stations throughout Inyo and Mono counties. This number varies slightly with snow removal operation in the winter and the addition of junior engineers during the summer months. Various highway construction jobs add considerably to the area's payrolls.

The Inyo-Mono headquarters for Region V of the Department of Fish and Game is located in Bishop. Approximately 40 people are employed by this office and at the four trout hatcheries located within the two-county area.

At Bishop also is located the headquarters for the Inyo National Forest. Approximately 60 people are employed by this federal agency during the summer as rangers, fire crews, camp maintenance workers, lookouts, etc. In the winter the permanent force includes about 12 persons.

• RIGHT—Action at the Inyo Lumber Company mill, five miles north and west of Bishop, is shown in this photograph. The derrick is just dropping a load of pine logs into the pond where they will await their turn for processing at the sawmill (pictured at the left).

The Inyo Lumber Company has an important year-around payroll in the Inyo-Mono area and its lumber is used locally and is also shipped to other California cities. One of its principal products is "shook" from which fruit and vegetable boxes are also manufactured at the mill. Logging operations are carried on in the Inyo National Forest near Crestview.

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• This is a different view of Lake Sabrina than you usually see because it's taken from above the lake, looking eastward toward the White Mountains which you can see in the background. Lake Sabrina is very popular with the fishermen and is the largest lake in the Bishop area, boasting about 200 acres. It is very deep in spots, too, (*maximum*: 210 feet) and the fishing usually is quite good. The lake is easily reached by a paved road westward from Bishop (18 miles) and the elevation is 9,170 feet. Camp Sabrina serves this and nearby areas. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Aren't they dandies? Here is a weight limit of the famous California Golden Trout taken from Desolation Lake in the Humphreys Basin area across Piute Pass. Schober Pack Train will be happy to take you there. The angler who caught these beautiful Golden Trout was none other than our own photographer, Tom Henderson, and naturally this is a . . . *Tom Henderson Photo.*



• It's North Lake again! The photographer picked an ideal day for this shot—no wind, peaceful water, and heavy cloud concentration in the background. North

Lake is located only three miles north of the Bishop-Lake Sabrina Highway near the upper end. It embraces only 15 acres, but there's lots of good fishing here and

the Department of Fish and Game annually plants 6,000 catchables in it. Cardinal Village serves the area with accommodations, boats, cafe, etc. *Photo by Al Hove.*



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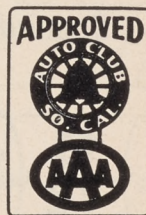
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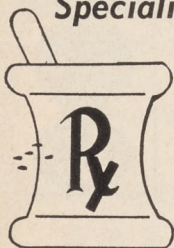
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it was too far away from camp for us to drag it in.

One of the boys went back for the horses; but, unfortunately for us, he took the bell horse and the one which was hobbled. Darned, if we didn't have the same trouble I had had several years ago at Garnet Lake.

We lost our horses. Sure enough, they were gone. And their tracks led eastward toward Pinchot Pass. Next morning we loaded everything on our two remaining animals and, leading them, started the hike across the pass. When we reached the sum-



mit we could see our other horses feeding peacefully in the lush meadow above Twin Lakes. We made sure that they didn't get away again as the next part of our journey was the long drag via Woods Lake and over Sawmill Pass.

* * *

Wallace Lake had long intrigued me since everyone said the Golden Trout fishing was really tops. My opportunity came when a train of 90 pack horses, taking supplies to the Sierra Club, was crossing Shepherd Pass. First night out we camped at Symnes Creek and at 6 the next morning I loaded my fishing coat with sandwiches, raisins, etc., tied a small sleeping bag back of my saddle, and took off ahead of the slow-moving pack train. In spite of a heavy downpour, I kept plugging along and by 6 p.m. reached Wallace Lake.

Even though it was still raining, I could hardly wait to do some fishing. Believe me, the reports about that lake certainly weren't exaggerated. Hundreds of large Golden Trout were cruising around in the outlet and catching them was easy. It was

just a question as to whether the fish would keep until I got home. I finally decided to keep only two—weighing nearly 3 lbs. apiece—and packed them in snow in my creel. Next morning the sun was a welcome sight and it was a pleasant ride back to the summit of Shepherd Pass where I met the pack train at 1 p.m.

My horse was to go on with the pack train, so I started hiking down the trail. I thought it would take about three hours. It took 5½. I started off briskly enough, but after several hours my hustle ran out and the pack began to weigh a ton, more or less. With my knees buckling at every turn of the zig-zag trail, I finally reached Symnes Creek and, in the dark, started downstream. The trail crossed and recrossed the creek, with no bridges, so there was nothing to do but plunge in at each crossing, without regard to depth. My flashlight had burned out, so I had to feel my way along the trail in the dark. Eventually, in the distance, I saw my car—and it was a welcome sight indeed, for I had some dry clothes in it. Tired but happy, I got in, started the motor, and headed for Independence.

In spite of the rain, the long hike, and the plunges in the creek, the trip was a big success. And, best of all, the fish came through in fine shape and we had a fine meal of Golden Trout next day.

* * *

I could go on writing for pages and pages, telling of some of my interesting experiences in the High Sierras. But, I am sure there isn't space to print it and I, perhaps, am too lazy to write it. At any rate, I am always thankful that the boss picked me for this job in Bishop—in the heart of some of the finest country God ever created. I've visited and fished 550 of these lakes—and that's quite a few. So, I'll leave the rest to others who love the trails, the peaks, the lakes, and streams which grace this vast wilderness area at our back door.

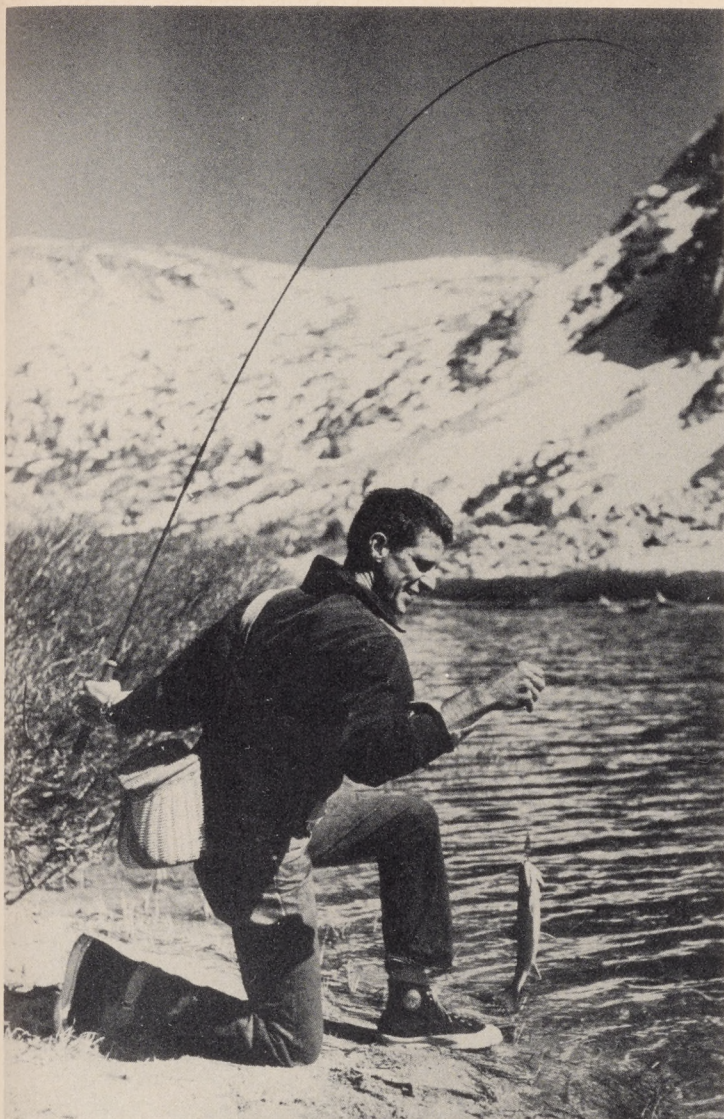
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• Dick Waters of Bishop pulls a fine 12-inch Brookie from George Lake (*not to be confused with Lake George in the Mammoth area*), a three-mile uphill climb from the end of the road at Lake Sabrina. Fishing is good in this group of lakes for those who wish to hike or pack in. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Bishop Lake is another small back-country lake which offers plenty of sport for those who wish to make the trip. It's not large and the mountains are rugged in the background, as you can readily see from the picture above. *Fraser's Photo.*

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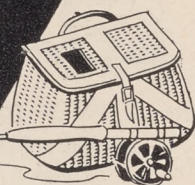
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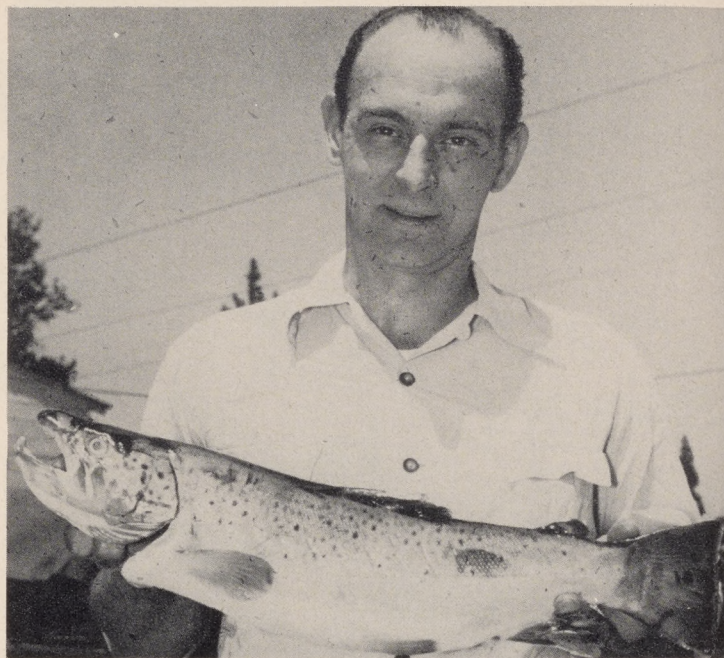
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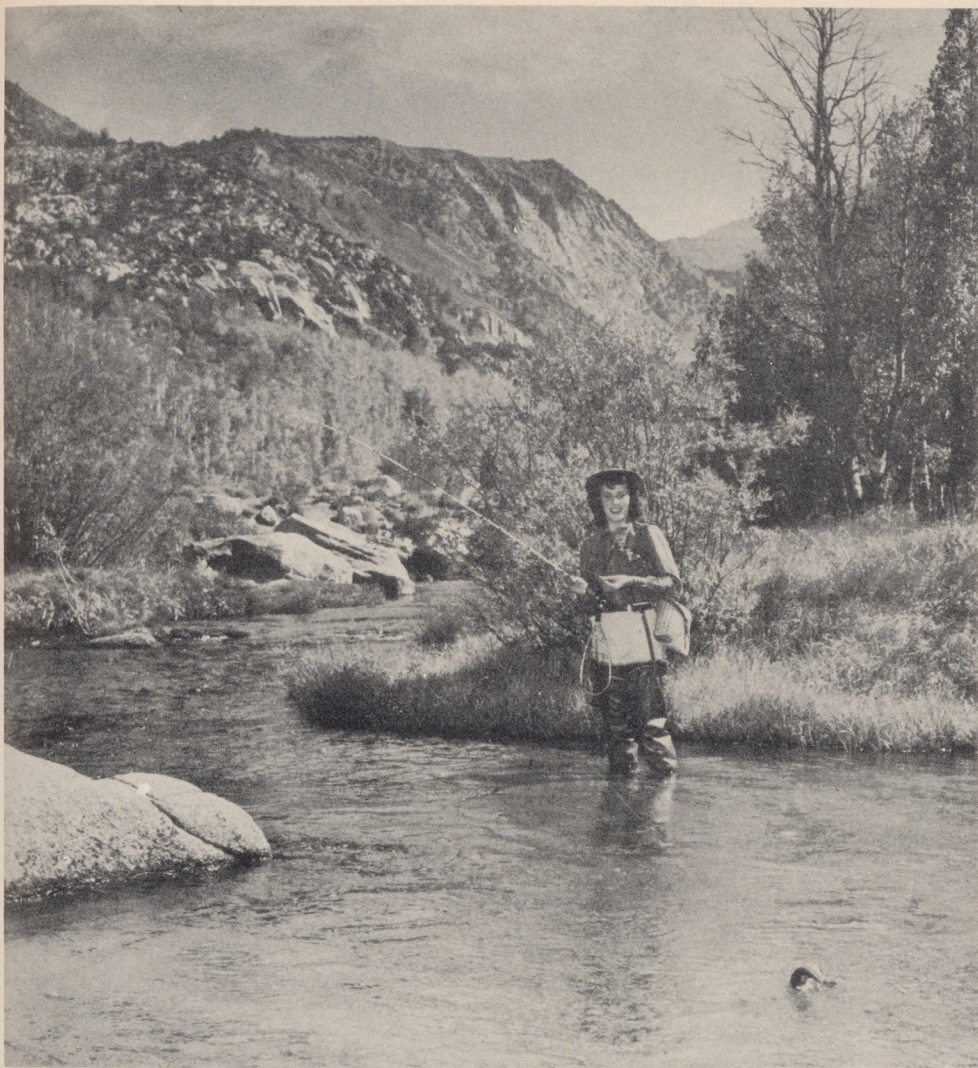
Bishop-Owens River Area...



• Jim Kirkwood of Bishop, salesman for Hoffman Hardware of Los Angeles, is a good angler and he always likes to fish in the Owens River. Knows many of the good spots too. He is pictured here with a 3½ lb. Brown he caught in August. His largest last year was a 7¼ lb. Brownie taken from the Owens River Gorge June 23. He catches his share of trout. *Chalfant Press Photo.*



• The rugged grandeur of the mountains surrounding South Lake is shown in the picture above. The south end of the lake is in the foreground and the peaks of the Sierra Crest are at the back. There are good camp areas near the lake. *Tom Henderson Photo.*

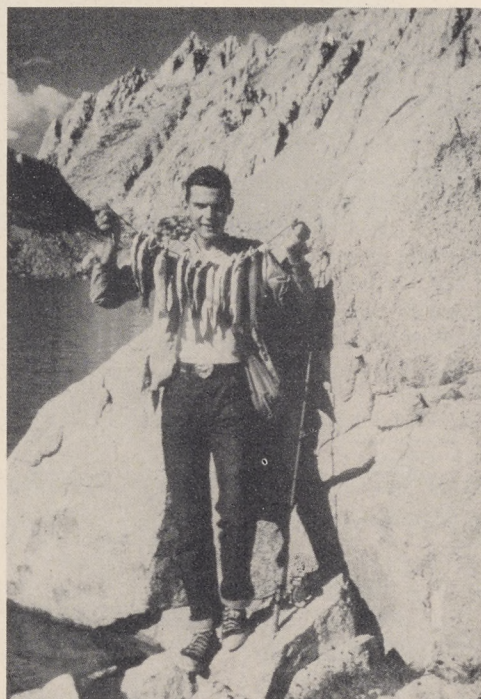


• Sue Wissing, pretty Bishop girl, has a trout on the line and she's going to bring him in. This photo was taken on the Middle Fork of Bishop Creek, below Lake

Sabrina where you can usually count on good stream fishing and excellent scenery. Several good public camp grounds are also in the vicinity. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



• Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Slama of Pico, California, are pictured here with 22 trout which they caught on Lake Sabrina one day in June of 1954. The fish ranged in size from 9 to 14 inches, were good eating.



• Peter Henze, 15-year-old Pasadena youth, caught this limit of Eastern Brook Trout in the Upper Sabrina Basin late in the 1954 season. All of them were more than 10 inches in length. Congratulations Peter!



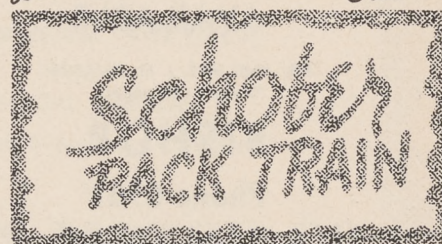
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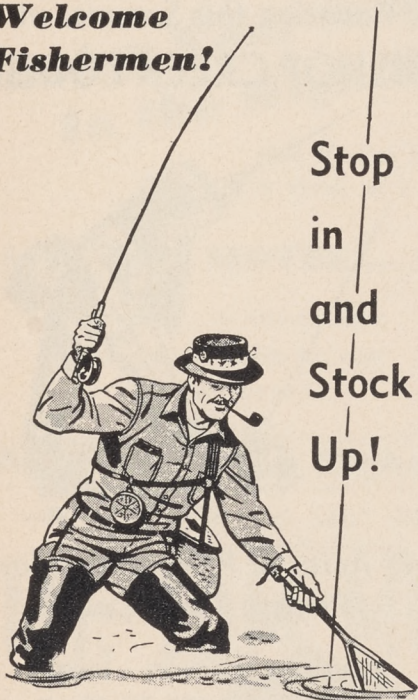
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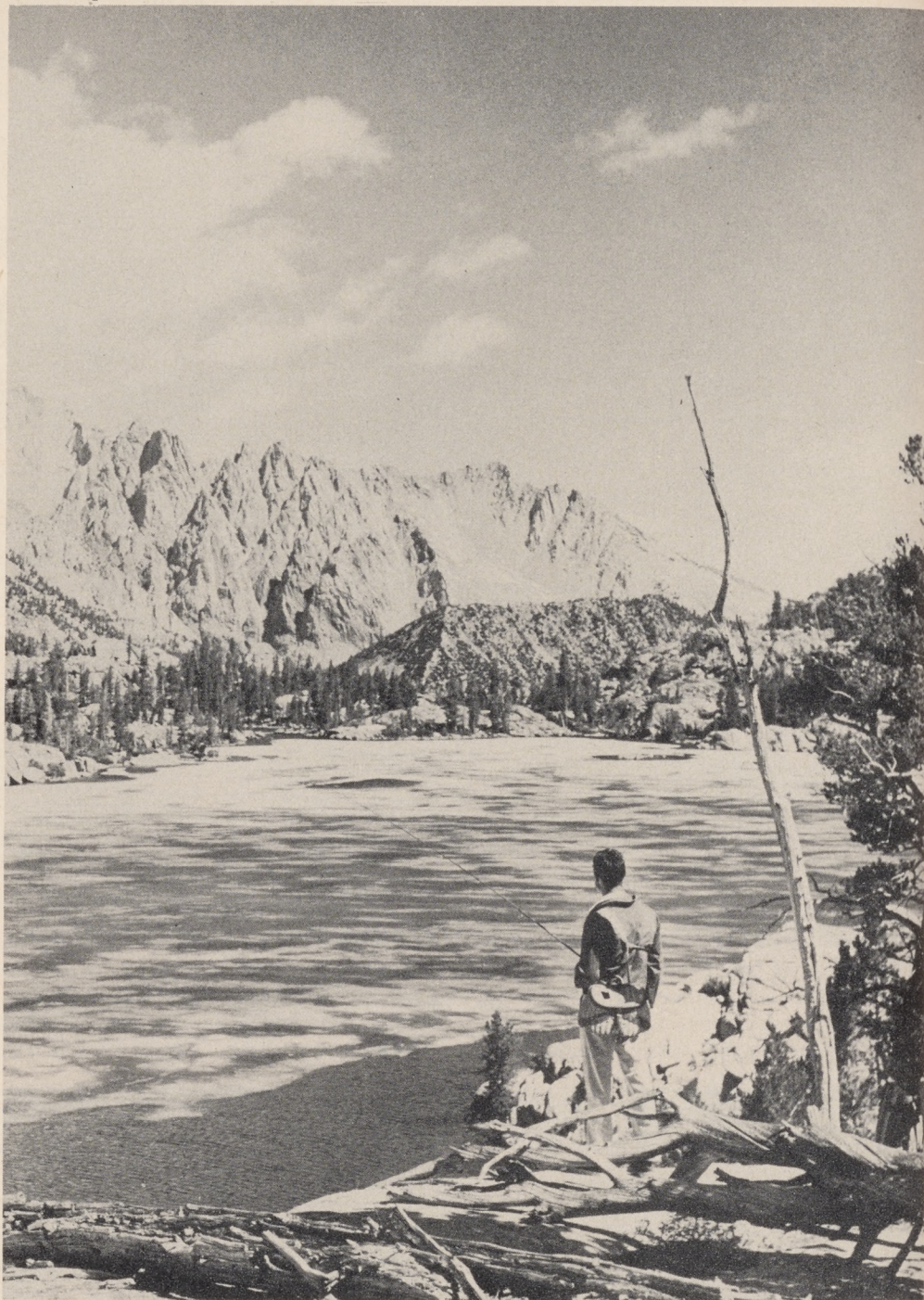
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• There is no question about it . . . Blue Lake, in the Sabrina Basin, is one of the favorite lakes for the fishermen of the Bishop area. This interesting photo was taken early in the season when the ice

was still on a great part of the lake. There's a good trail to this lake from Lake Sabrina and you can hike it, if you wish. And, you'll more than likely get your limit of Eastern Brook Trout. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



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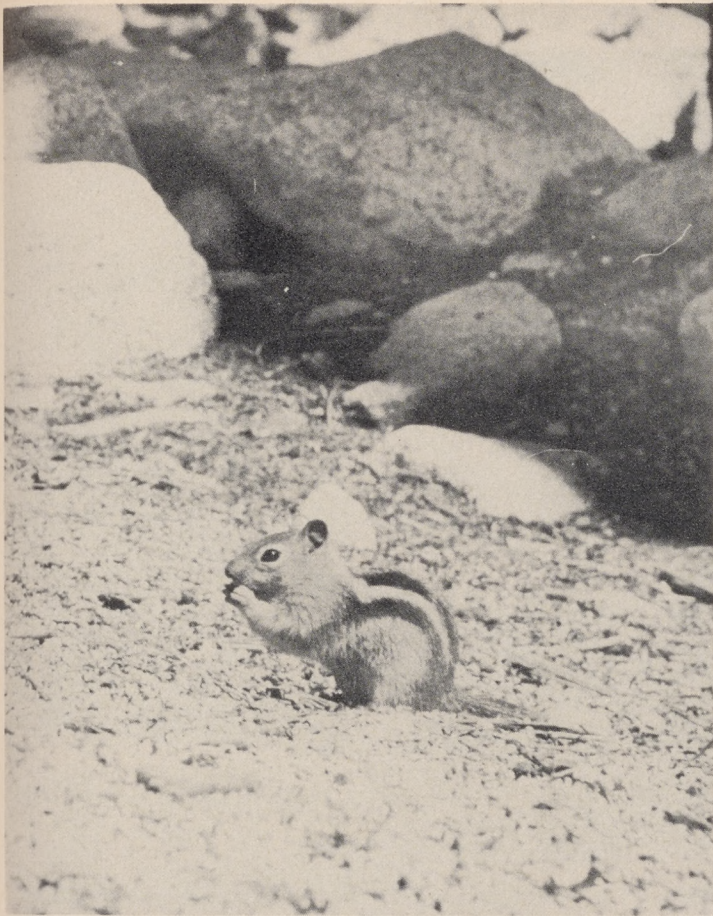
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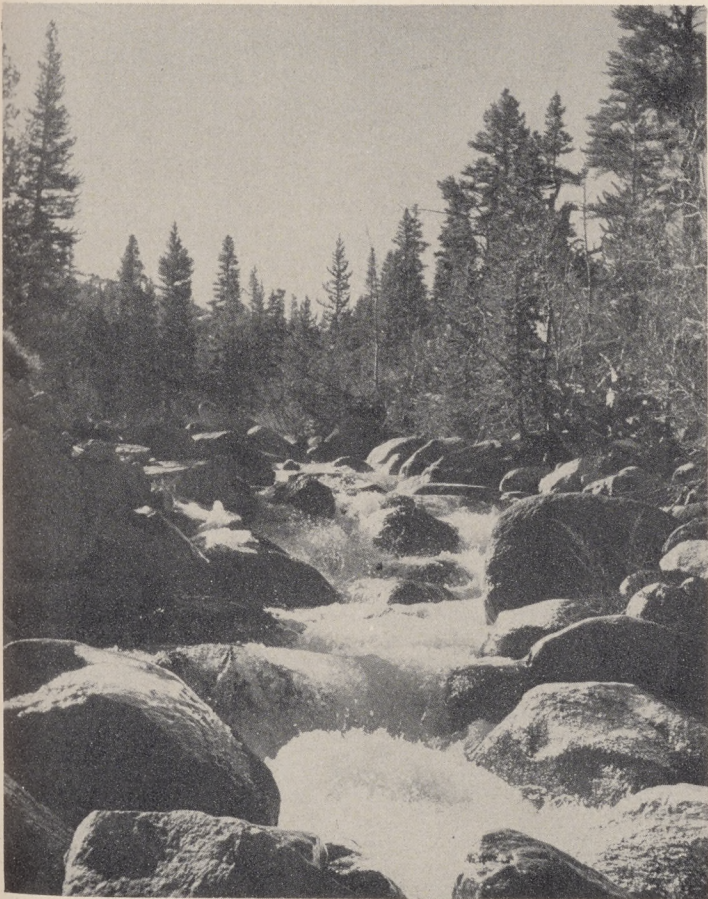
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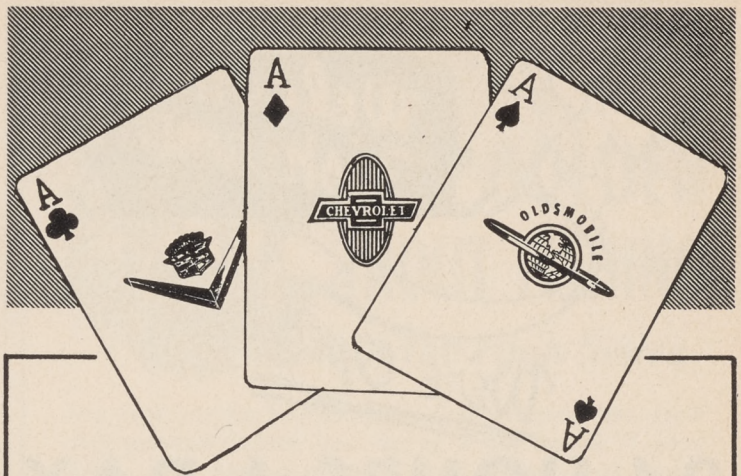




• Here's a little friend you are likely to see almost anywhere in the High Sierra. He's the Golden Mantle Squirrel who is a curious and frequent visitor at most of the camps in the Bishop area. He certainly is a cute one! *Photo by Nancy Henderson.*



• Downward it tumbles across the rocks. This is the South Fork of Bishop Creek, before it merges with the Middle Fork downstream. There are plenty of good fishing spots on this stream and the Bishop Creek Lodge is located nearby. *Tom Henderson Photo.*



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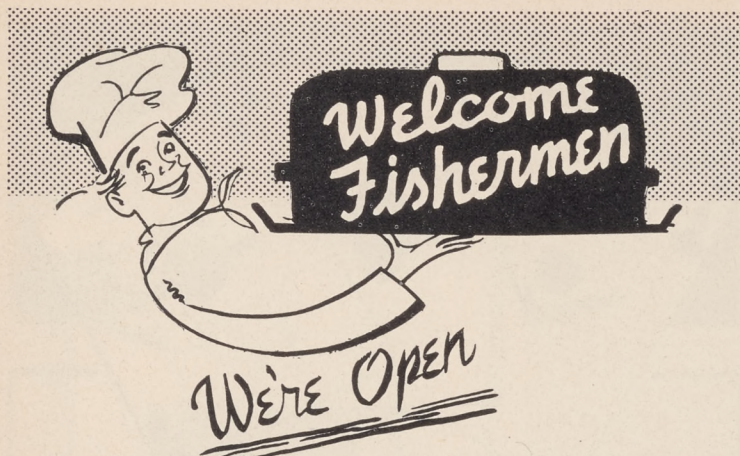
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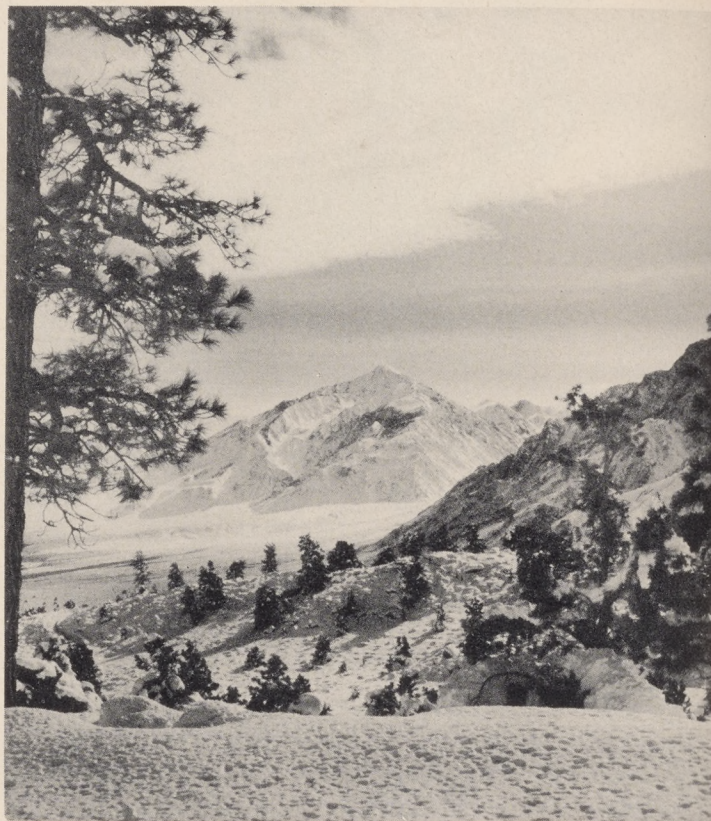
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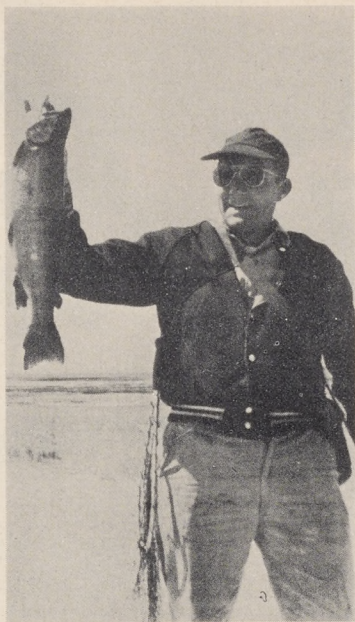
Bishop-Owens River Area . . .



• Mt. Tom, towering 13,649 feet in the sky, is a familiar landmark north and west of Bishop. It is a favorite with mountain climbers, too. This picture was taken from Sherwin Grade on the north during the winter months of 1954 when the entire area was covered with snow. Of course you'll only find a little snow in the highest crevasses during the summer. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*



• This is North Lake again . . . looking toward Piute Canyon in the Bishop Creek area. While this lake is not large, it is certainly scenic and artists use it frequently. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Here are some successful fishermen. Bud and Norman Bartley from Madera (*left*) are pictured with their first day's effort at French Lake Basin on their pack trip with the Pine Creek Saddle and Pack Train July 11-16. Those are nice Golden Trout the men are holding. At the right, Buzz Peregoy of Stockton is shown with the 5½ lb. Rainbow he caught on the Owens River at Benton Crossing in May. Peregoy has his own plane and flies here.



• Above, an aerial view of the Owens River in the Pleasant Valley area north and west of Bishop. At the extreme top, where the roads converge, is the site of the new regulating dam which the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is constructing. The main channel of the Owens River is at the right. The other meandering channel to the left will be used as a spawning ground for the river's Brown Trout. *Aerial Photo by Steve Lukacik.*

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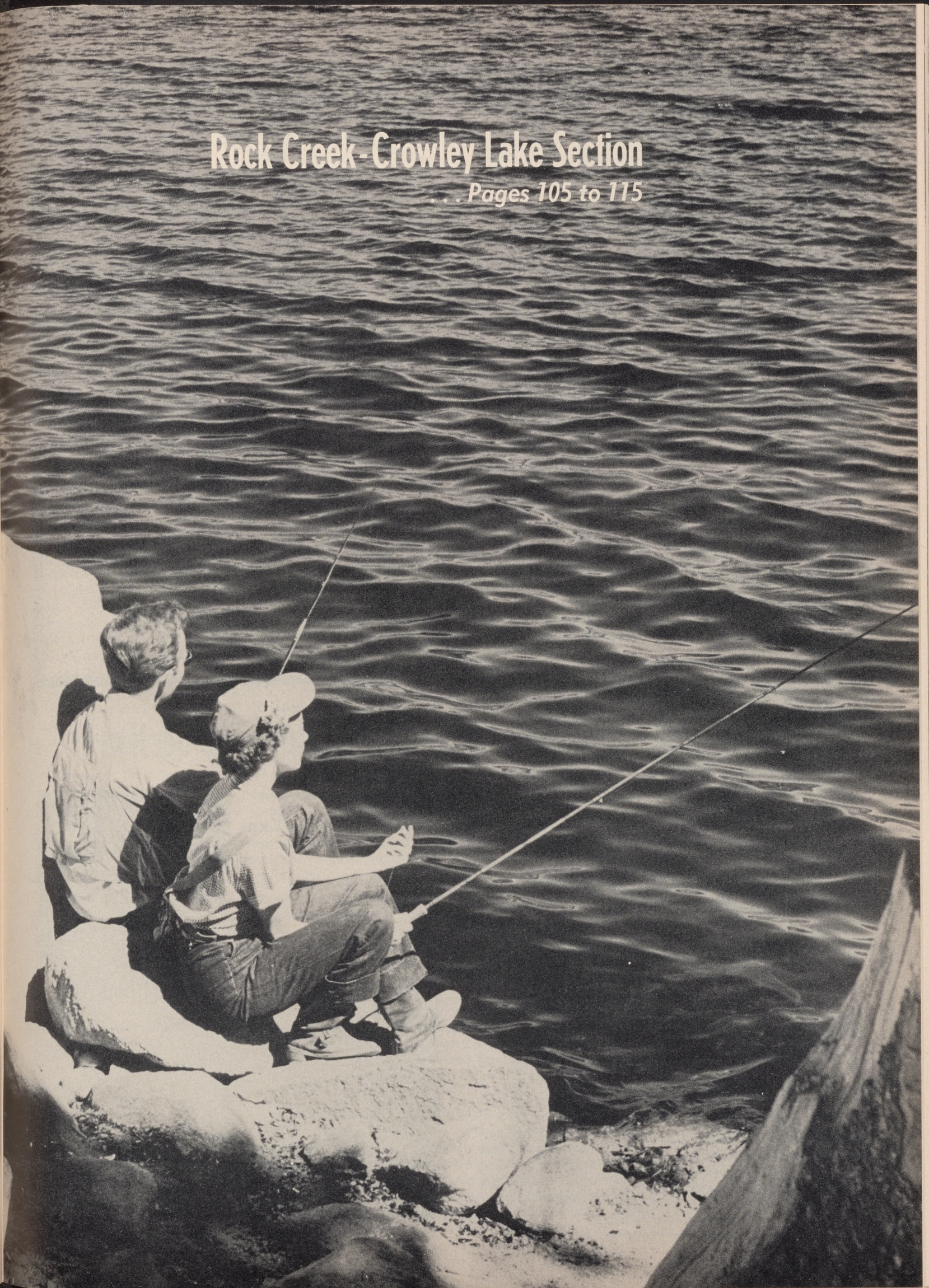


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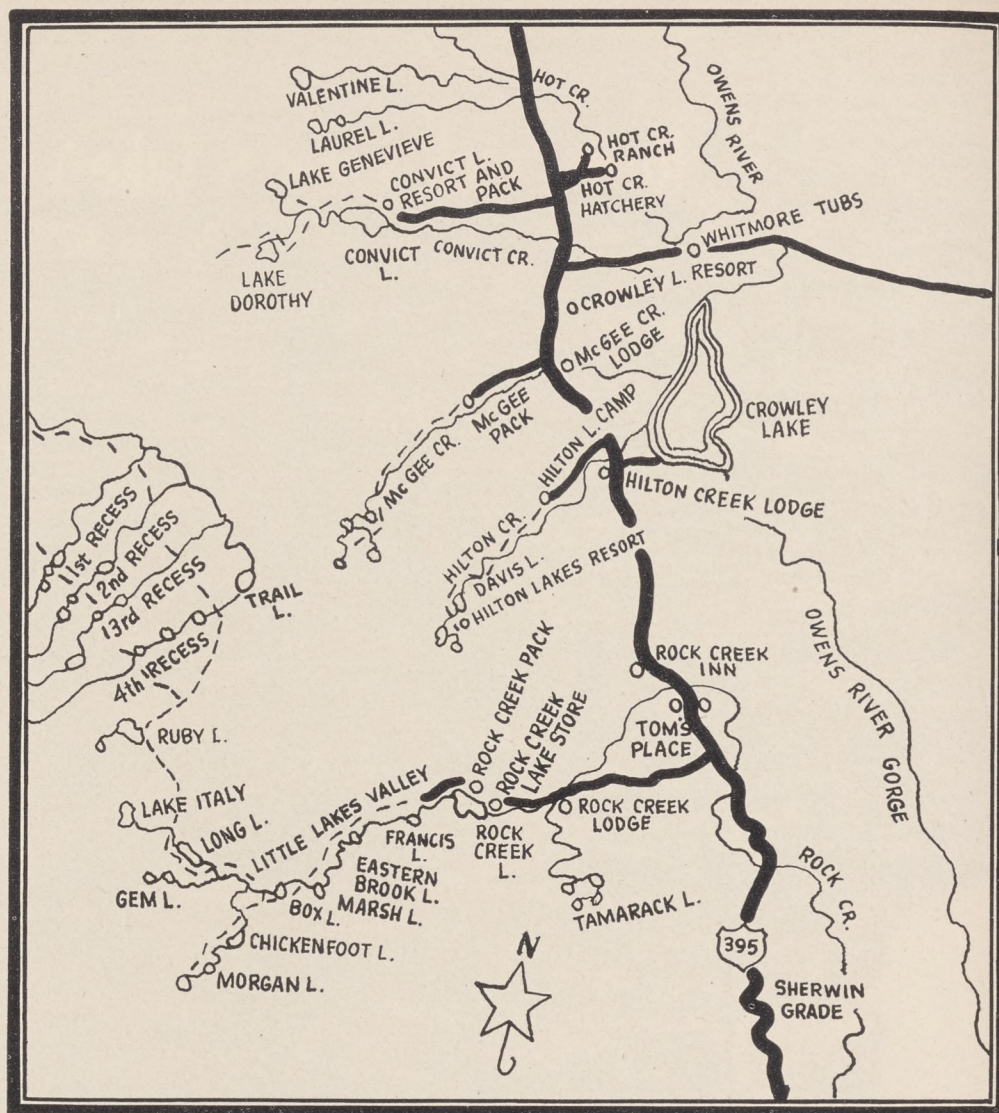
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Some of the most popular spots in Inyo-Mono are along Rock Creek and Rock Creek Lake which are readily reached by a good road westward just to the south of Tom's Place. During the summer you will find hundreds of people in the various public camps maintained along this section of Rock Creek. There are quite a few private summer homes, too. And, of course Rock Creek Lodge, a complete resort on the banks of this fine stream, is quite popular. The



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Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Watson of Bakersfield really enjoy the fishing on Rock Creek Lake, as the picture indicates. And so do hundreds of other people who invade the Rock Creek area every summer. Fishing is good and there are plenty of excellent camping spots in the nearby areas. Most everyone knows about the excellent fishing on Crowley Lake, and McGee Creek back country, Convict Lake, and Hot Creek—also in this section. (Photo by Tom Henderson.)

Rock Creek Lake Store provides groceries and tackle as well as boats for those who wish to fish on beautiful Rock Creek Lake and other nearby lakes in the area. On a mile farther, you'll find Herb London's Rock Creek Pack Station which serves a large back-country area, including Pioneer Basin, Hopkins Basin, Mono Creek, and the Recesses.

Returning to U. S. Highway 395, and continuing northward, you pass Dennie Roul's Rainbow Tarns, where you can catch all the fish you want without a license, if you have had poor luck during the day. A little farther along you come to Crowley Lake, easily the most popular of all lakes and streams in Inyo-Mono during the season it is open (It closes July 31).



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This man-made reservoir, owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles, usually furnishes top fishing . . . especially when it is "hot." Some of the largest trout in the West are annually taken out of Crowley Lake as the pictures on the following pages graphically show. On "opening day" thousands of fishermen come from far and near to try their hand at hooking one of those famous "tackle busters." And results are usually good. Crowley Lake is heavily stocked annually with catchable-size Rainbows. Many grow large.

There are quite a large number of businesses in the area—all, of course, catering to fishermen and tourists: Happy Jack's, the new Crowley Vista Trailer Park, Crowley View Trading Post, the Crowley Lake Resort, Sportsmen's Buffet, Hilton Creek Lodge, Hilton Lakes Camp and Pack Station, McGee Creek Lodge, McGee Creek Pack Station, Nan and Max's Long Valley Resort, Curly's Motel, Bill's Knotty Pine Cafe, Lakeview Motel, Wally and Jo's Motel, and Lovejoy's Store.

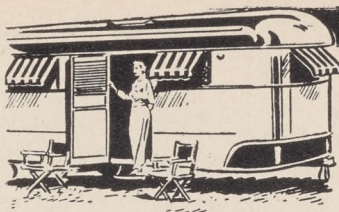
There's plenty of fishing in this area, outside of Crowley, because Hilton Creek, McGee Creek, and other smaller streams provide good angling throughout the season. And, for those who want back-country fishing, Pearson's Hilton Lakes Camp and Russ Johnson's McGee Creek Pack Station are prepared to take you into the wilderness area where you can fish to your heart's delight, enjoy the scenery, and stay as long as you like.

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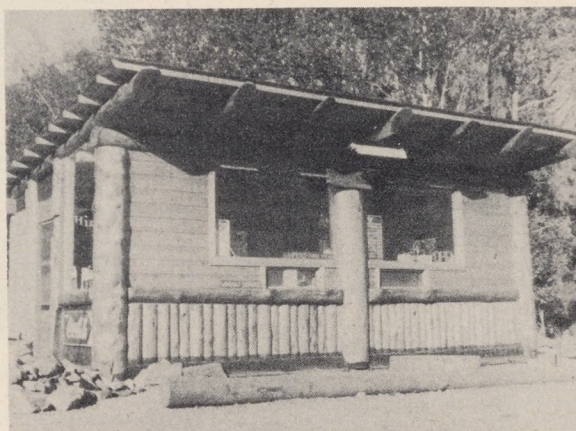
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Rock Creek-Crowley-Convict Lake Area . . .

• Leola Alvarado and her 7-year-old son, Mike, of Santa Barbara like to fish on Rock Creek . . . and they're not only ones. Rock Creek is one of the most popular of all fishing streams in the entire Eastern High Sierra and is accessible to the highway for most of its length. The Alvarados' favorite spot is near the Rock Creek Lodge, but hundreds of fishermen will be found along the stream—both above Rock Creek Lake and downstream to its junction with the Owens River.
Photo by Tom Henderson.



• Here's a beautiful shot of picturesque Rock Creek Lake, a very good fishing lake which annually attracts hundreds of anglers to its shores. It's nine miles west of U. S. Highway 395 on a good road. Fishing intensity is heavy and a total of 15,000

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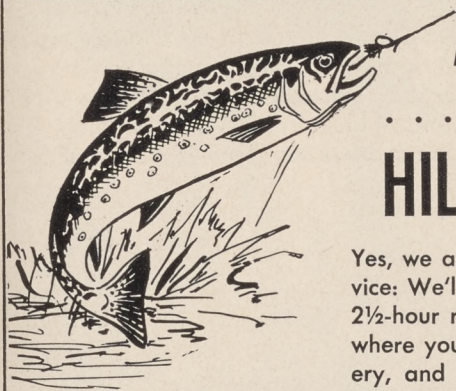
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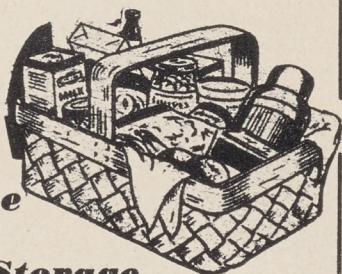
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Rock Creek-Crowley Area . . .



• Rock Creek is at its best where it meets Rock Creek Lake as it is shown in the photo above. From this point downward to Birchim Canyon where it empties into the Owens River (14.3 miles), Rock Creek is well stocked annually. *Fraser's Photo.*



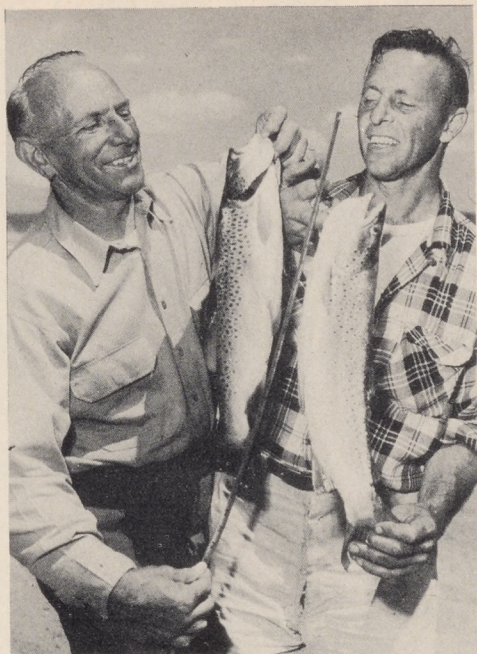
• The banks of Rock Creek are also quite popular for campers and trailers. Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Schact and son, Dick, are shown as they take it easy in front of their trailer as their collie, Tip, enjoys a pleasant snooze in the Sierra sun. *Tom Henderson Photo.*



• Heart Lake is in the Upper Rock Creek basin. There are about 10 of these lakes in the upper basin, all fairly easy walking distance from the end of the road. If you want to go in farther to the many fine back-country lakes and streams, Rock Creek Pack Station is ready to take care of you. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Anglers Bill Clothier and Archie Stout, both of Los Angeles, display nice strings of trout taken at Crowley Lake last year.



• Carl Fromhold (left) and son, Carlton, both of Los Angeles, help each other measure these beauties caught on Crowley.



• Douglas Riddell, 12-year-old Los Angeles sportsman, caught this string of trout on Crowley Lake on his first expedition.

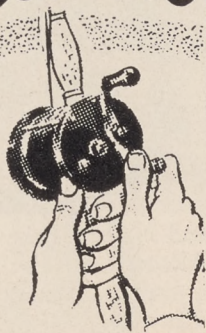


• Robert D. Buckles (right) is awarded the J. K. Russell trophy for his Crowley Lake trout. John Stewart makes the presentation.

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Rock Creek - Crowley - Convict Lake Area . . .



• Joni Johnson holds the 9¼ lb. trout, and others, caught by Bill Montgomery of Long Beach, Bill Front of McKittrick, Cali-

fornia, and Bill Cauffman, also of McKittrick. Montgomery (*extreme right*) caught the big one, but they all caught some fish.

• The anglers, (*left to right*) Mary Lou Murdock, Robert Murdock, Pat Gainor, and Paul Hart, all of Los Angeles, display their catches taken early in the 1954 season. That's a nice string of fish, boys and girls. *Photo by Dept. of Recreation & Parks*



• It's those Walkers again! Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walker, formerly of Altadena and now of Hot Creek Hatchery, display some of their fine trout taken on Crowley

Lake during the 1954 season. Mrs. Walker's 18 lb. 9 oz. Brownie was the largest caught in the Sierras in the 1953 season. (*Photo by Dept. of Recreation and Parks*).



•Dad had to take a back seat to his 12-year-old son on 1954's opening day at Crowley Lake. Dick Ferber, the youngster's father, looks on with obvious envy as son Richard displays his fine Rainbow. The Ferbers are from Bishop. An estimated 4,697 anglers were afloat on the lake opening day and 6,161 tried their luck next day, when the weather was better. (Photo by Dept. of Recreation and Parks).



•His Honor Norris Paulson, mayor of Los Angeles, demonstrated his angling skill when he visited Crowley Lake May 30. He is pictured here with a 3 lb. Rainbow (in his left hand) and a 1¼ lb. dandy of the same variety which he took while still-fishing in McGee Bay. Mayor Paulson is a fishing fan and slips away from his duties occasionally to make the Crowley trip. Dept. of Recreation and Parks Photo.

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Rock Creek - Crowley - Convict Lake Area . . .

• Convict Creek, west of U. S. Highway 395, is a perennial favorite with the stream fishermen and the results are usually quite good. This beautiful photo, with the rugged Sierras in the background, was taken on opening day of the 1954 season. This creek isn't long, but is easily reached from the highway. *Dept. Water & Power Photo.*

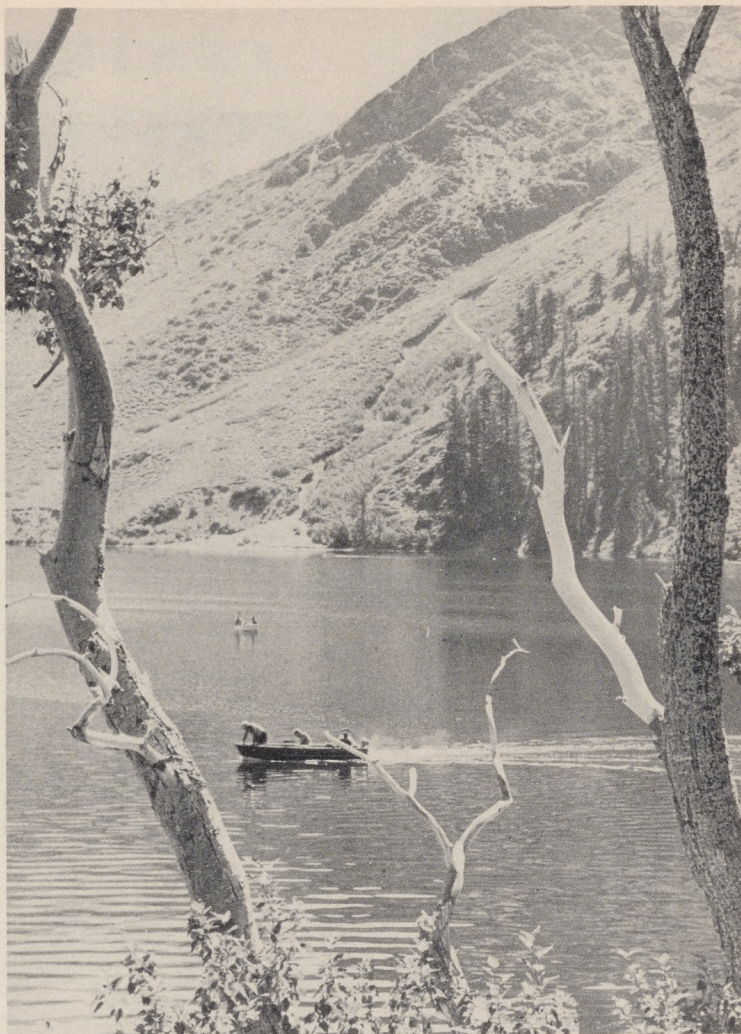
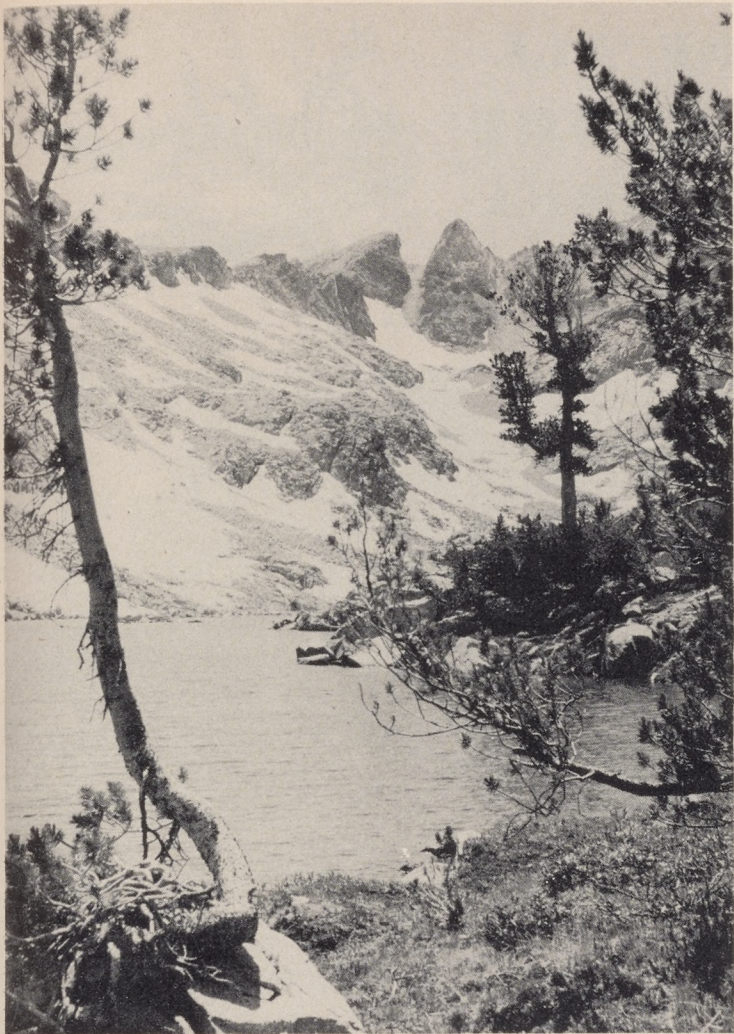


• Hot Creek (*pictured above*) is one of the best known streams in the Eastern High Sierra and is especially famous for its fly-fishing. The entire stream is stocked with catchable-size Rainbows by the Dept. of

Fish and Game and the plants run between 30,000 and 50,000 annually. Hot Creek Ranch is located on this popular stream and is readily accessible by road branching eastward from U. S. 395. *Fraser's Photo.*

• John Long of San Marino and Bruce Hayes of San Gabriel are two excellent fly-fishermen who are especially fond of Hot Creek since it not only offers top angling, but they're not bothered with the problem of tangling their flies in the trees or bushes. There just aren't any. Scene is near Hot Creek Ranch. *Tom Henderson Photo.*





• TOP LEFT—Big McGee Lake is one of the favorites for fishermen in the McGee Creek back-country. It's nearly always good fishing and the scenery is beautiful as is clearly shown in the picture above. The Department of Fish and Game annually plants it with Rainbow fingerling trout. *Photo by Russ Johnson.*

• TOP RIGHT—Convict Lake is one of the larger and more popular lakes in the Inyo-Mono area. Readily accessible by a good road from U. S. 395, it provides excellent fishing, top scenery, and plenty of good camping areas. The Convict Lake Resort serves the area and also provides a pack service for those who wish to journey into the fine back-country nearby. *Tom Henderson Photo.*

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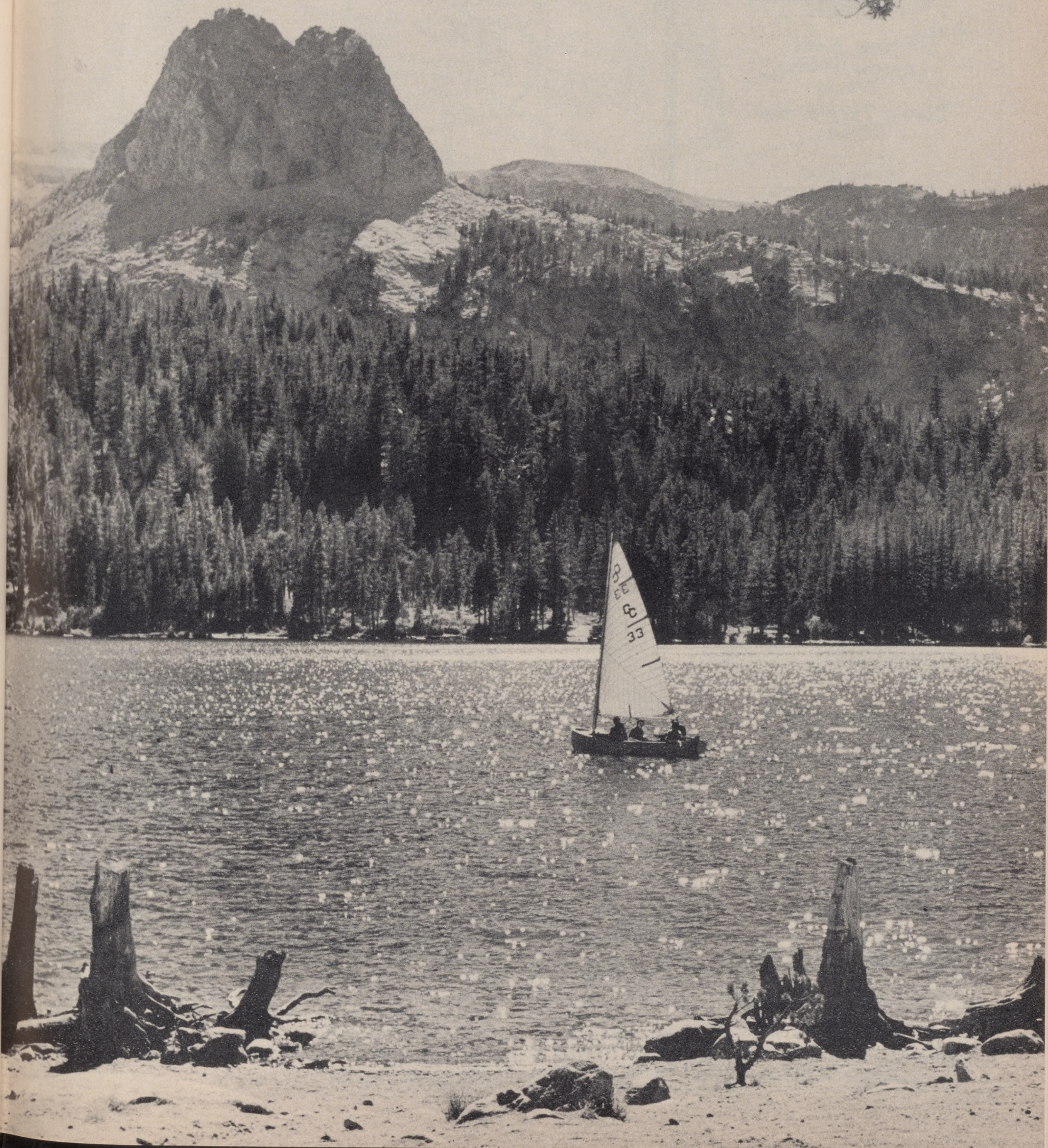
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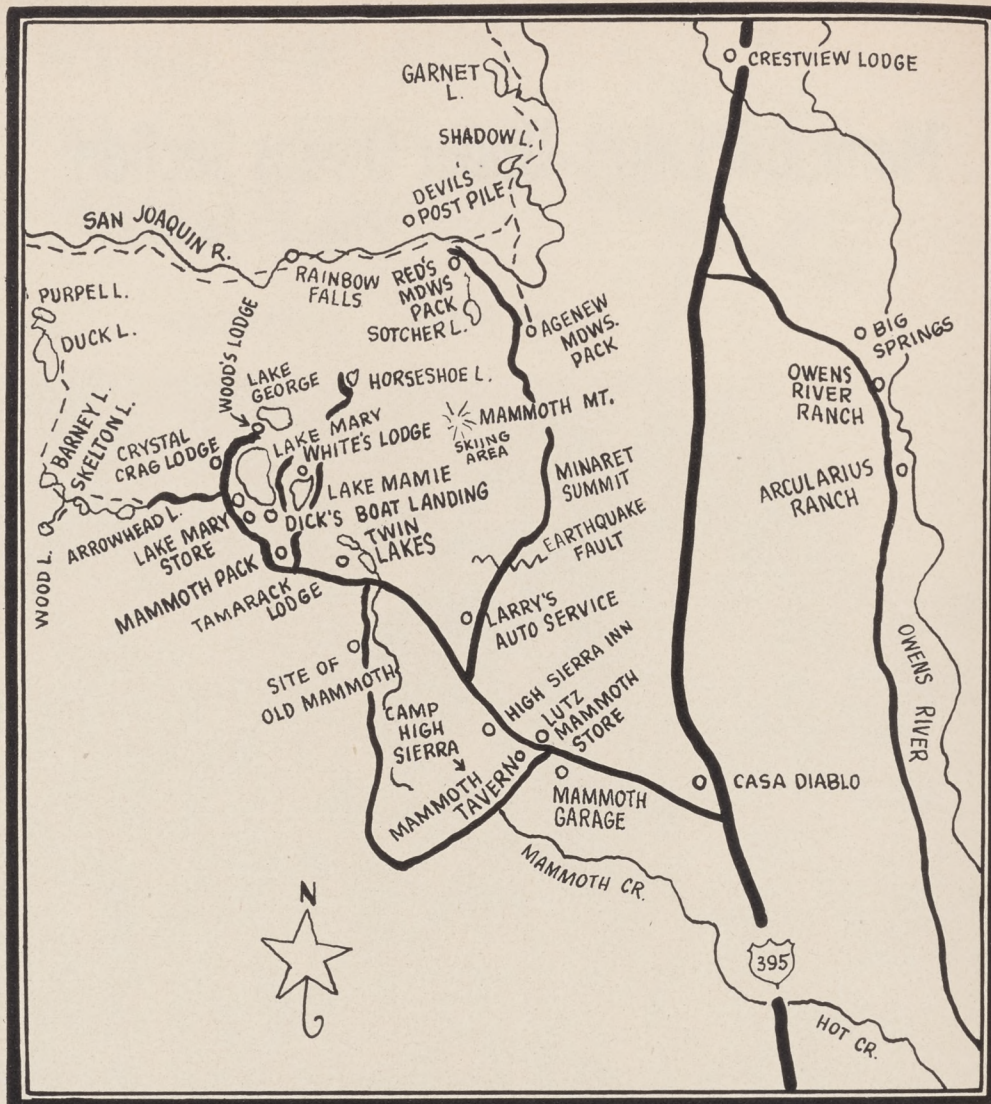
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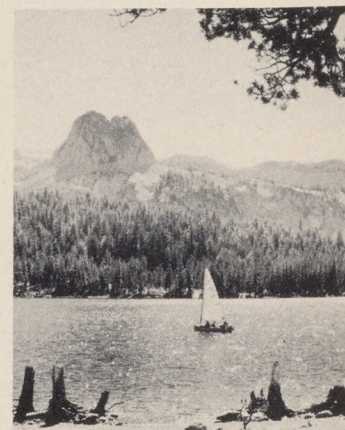
Mammoth Lakes-Upper Owens Section

The Mammoth Lakes Area, long a favorite with fishermen and campers, is becoming increasingly popular every year. Located only a few miles west of U. S. Highway 395, this area is served almost entirely by paved highways and other well-kept surfaced roads.

To reach the Mammoth Lakes Area you turn off Highway 395 at Casa Diablo which is approximately 38 miles north of Bishop and 15 miles south of June Lake Junction. Three miles west on this paved road, you actually enter the Mammoth area. Here you have the lower business district which includes the Mammoth Garage, Mammoth Tavern, U. S. Forest Service Ranger Station, Mammoth Trailer Park, the Penguin Cafe, Woods Souvenirs, Chevron Station, High Sierra Inn, Lutz Mammoth Store, the post office, Susie's Souvenirs, and the Mammoth Lumber Company.

As you continue on up this highway you pass several lodges and resorts, including Mammoth View, Alahu, Red Buck, Timber Ridge, and others, some of which are still under construction.

The recently-surfaced Minaret Road branches off to the right past Larry's Auto Service to the famous Mammoth Mountain ski area, Agnew Meadows, and Reds Meadows Resort and Pack Station, and, of course, the popular Devil's Postpile National Monu-



ON THE PRECEDING
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Here's a new twist on Lake Mary in the Mammoth region. A sailboat takes advantage of a breeze to cross the lake and add to the foreground of this division page. And, of course, the picture wouldn't be complete without the famous Crystal Crag in the background. Lake Mary is the largest of the lakes in the Mammoth group. But there are many other fine lakes in this rapidly growing area. Upper Owens River is also in this section. (Photo by Tom Henderson.)

ment, a sight you won't want to miss on your vacation trip.

Back on the Mammoth highway again, you'll notice Camp High Sierra on the left as you continue on up to the scenic Twin Lakes, one of the most photographed areas in the entire Inyo-Mono region. These lakes, at an elevation of 8,550 feet, provide good fishing, excellent camp sites, and some fine accommodations at the famous Tamarack Lodge, one of the largest in the Eastern High Sierra region. The Twin Lakes Store also serves this area with groceries, fishing tackle, gasoline, boats for rent, and meals served in its adjoining cafe. Stephen Willard, artist and photographer, has his summer studio on the highway overlooking Twin Lakes.



Devil's Postpile

The highway goes onward and upward and passes Lee Summers' Mammoth Pack Station which serves a large back-country area extending many miles into some of the highest recesses of the Sierras. Largest lake in the Mammoth area is, of course, Lake Mary which is also popular with the fishermen, the campers, and the photographers. Lake Mary Store makes food, tackle, and fresh bakery goods available to the visitors and also serves short orders at their fountain-counter. Crystal Crag Lodge farther along the shore of Lake Mary, provides good accommodations. Dick's Boat Landing has a large array of boats and motors to rent and also has facilities for private docking.

One of the better-known resorts in the entire Mammoth Area is White's Lodge located near Lake Mamie. It includes a store, restaurant, cabins, rooms etc.

This paved highway terminates a few miles farther at Horseshoe Lake which is quite popular as a picnic and camping area. Horseshoe is also one of the few lakes in the Inyo-Mono area where swimming is permitted.

If you retrace your way slightly and turn to the right you pass Lake George and you can drive up to Woods Lodge which provides excellent facilities on this picturesque lake, a good fishing spot as well. Then, if you return by the Old Mammoth Road you pass the historic site of the town of Old Mammoth which flourished during the 1870's as one of the largest communities in Eastern California.

Gold and other minerals had been discovered in this vicinity and there was a tremendous rush from both the West and East to stake out claims and mine the valuable ore. At one time there were more than 2,000 people living in the immediate area and at least two heavy mills were in operation. But the bubble burst when it became too expensive to mill and transport the ore. A fire swept many of the frame buildings about 1877 and the rest of it soon withered away. There is practically nothing left, now, but the foundations of a few homes, some standing remnants of the mills, etc.

The complete story of Old Mammoth is quite interesting and we will include it in more detail in a later issue of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide.

As you return to the lower Mammoth District by this road you pass Barker's Manahu Lodge, the Mammoth Creek Lodge, and other resorts.

Mammoth is gradually assuming its place as a leading year-around resort area because fishing is popular in the summer and deer hunting takes over in the fall. And, along about November, the snow begins to fall rather heavily in the higher elevations and Mammoth Mountain becomes the "Mecca" of most Southern California ski enthusiasts, who crowd into the area on weekends.

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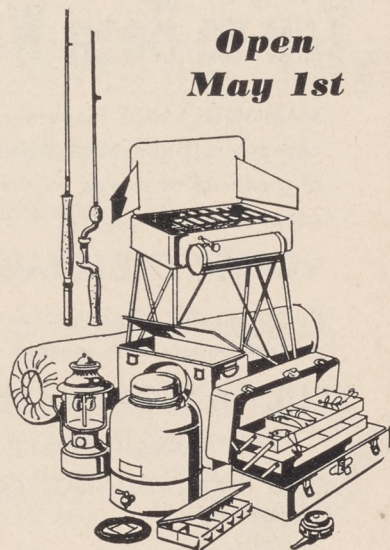
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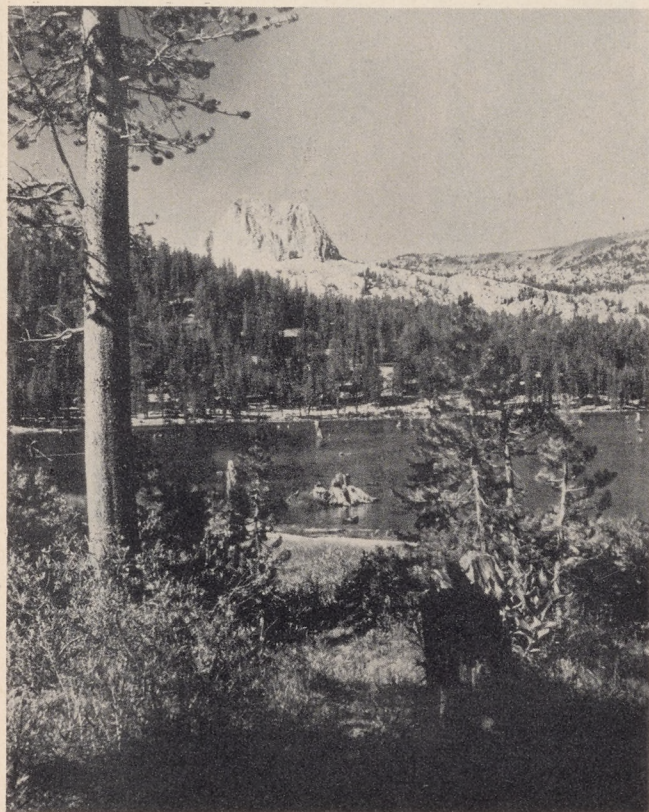
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Mammoth Lakes-Upper Owens

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longest season in the West, possibly in the entire country. Advance reservations for the Thanksgiving weekend are always heavy and the season continues up until July 4, when the last meet is usually held.

Dave McCoy, operator of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Lifts, has already constructed a warming hut and cafe at the skiing area and now has a 3,500-foot double-chair lift under construction. Previously rope tows had been used. Skiing is becoming quite important in Inyo-Mono as an attraction for the sports-minded and, while there are other ski areas in the region, Mammoth Mountain is considered the most outstanding. And, with the addition of the new chair lift, it is expected to become even more popular.

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The other area included in this section of the 1955 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide is the Upper Owens River region. While not particularly large, it is extremely popular with the stream fishermen and definitely furnishes some of the finest angling in the entire High Sierra. Crestview Lodge is located on the highway south of where you turn eastward to reach this "fishing paradise."

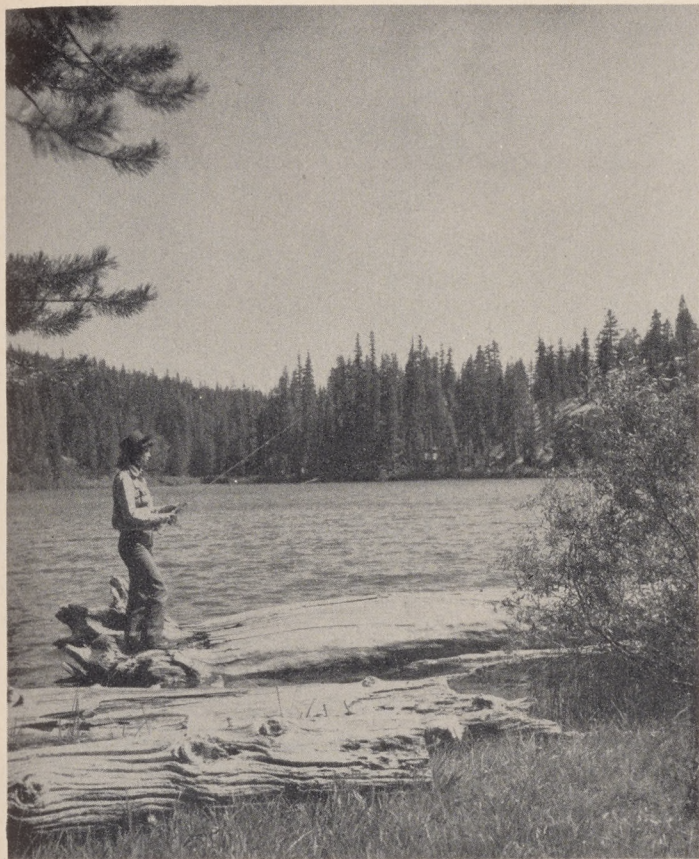
Two resorts, the Arcularius Ranch and the Owens River Ranch, serve this area and there are many fine camping spots at Big Springs and nearby. Both resorts have complete accommodations and both get a heavy play during the fishing season.

Trout are generally quite large in this section of the Owens River and many fine trophies have been taken in recent years. Catchable-size Rainbows are heavily planted each year but there are plenty of big Browns in these choice fishing waters, too.



• Everyone seems to be having fun! In the picture above, Claudia Colburn, 13, from Arcadia, gets ready to throw a stick into the water at Horseshoe Lake... and Skipper, her dog is ready to swim out and get it. Horseshoe Lake is one of the few lakes in the Inyo-Mono region where swimming is permitted. It's a popular spot for picnickers, campers, and swimmers. Sandy beaches are nice for those sun baths, too. Photo by Tom Henderson.

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• Sotcher Lake, near the Reds Meadows Resort and the Devil's Postpile, is always a good fishing lake. Between 8,000 and 10,000 catchable-size trout are planted here annually and there are Brookies, too. Above: Anne Johnson, McGee Pack Station, tries her luck from the lake shore. *Photo by Steve Lukacik.*

• Lake George is one of the most scenic of all the Mammoth Lakes and artists come from near and far to paint in its setting. Camera fans also find plenty of good "shots" here. And, of course, the trout fishermen do all right, too. Between 10,000 and 16,000 catchable-size Rainbows are annually planted in this 32-acre lake. Elevation is 9,060 feet. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



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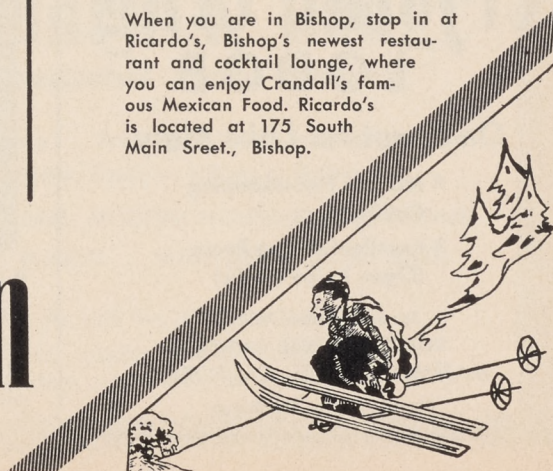
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Mammoth Lakes-Upper Owens River Area . . .



• Lake Mamie is one of the smaller lakes in the Mammoth region, but it's popular, just the same. Embracing only 11.4 acres, Lake Mamie, nevertheless, offers good fish-

ing and excellent scenery. It is easily reached by good road (*only 1/2 mile from Mammoth Lakes highway*). Annually it is heavily planted with fish. *Fraser's Photo.*



• Here's an interesting fishing scene on Lake Mary, largest of the Mammoth group. Lake Mary is immediately adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes highway and there are plenty of boats available for rent for those

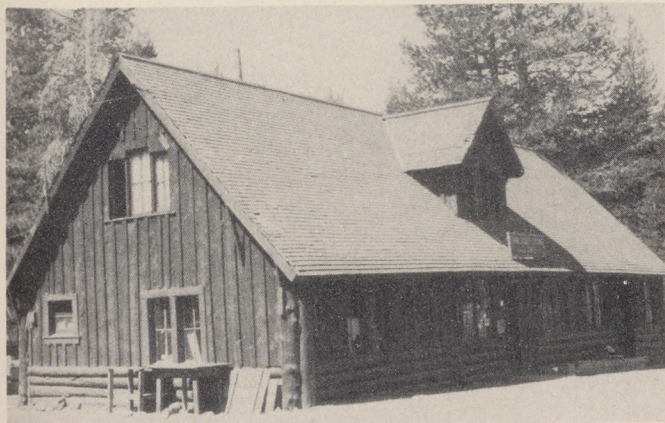
who wish to use them. At an altitude of 8,931 feet, it has a surface area of 69.5 acres. Plants are heavy—between 30,000 and 40,000 catchable-size Rainbow trout during the season *Photo by Hans Georg.*



• Twin Lakes aren't so large, but they certainly are attractive in every way. They're scenic, they're good fishing, and

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• Crystal Lake is another one of the smaller lakes in the Mammoth area which is quite popular with the anglers. It's annually planted with Brook Trout fingerlings and some of them grow to nice size. Crystal Lake is only a very short hike from Lake George. You'll enjoy the hike. *Dept. of Water and Power Photo.*



• Tee Jay Lake is also located in the Lake George area and can be reached by a half-mile hike. Brookies are planted by the Dept. of Fish and Game, but there are lots of Rainbow there, too. It's quite scenic, as the above picture indicates. *Photo by Stanley Spurgeon.*



• Minaret Lake is located eight miles up Minaret Creek from the Devil's Postpile in the Reds Meadows area. It's planted with Brook Trout fingerlings and those who make the trip there usually report some excellent fishing. *Photo by Stanley Spurgeon.*



• Woods Lodge is located in the foreground of this photo of beautiful Lake George and, of course, there's that famous Crystal Crag in the background. The alti-

tude at the lodge is 9,060 feet and it is readily reached over a good road which turns off 1/2-mile southeast of Lake Mamie outlet. *Photo by Stanley Spurgeon.*



• This is a little different view of one of the Twin Lakes in the Mammoth area. This one is taken from the water level whereas most of the usual photos are snapped from above. Fishing is quite popular
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on the Twin Lakes and between 30,000 and 40,000 catchable-size Rainbows are planted here every year by the Department of Fish and Game. They are very popular lakes. *Dept. of Water & Power Photo.*

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Mammoth Lakes-Upper Owens River Area . . .



• The Owens River at Benton Crossing is always a popular fishing spot and here are Bob and Alice Jewell of Los Angeles try-

ing their hand on opening day of 1954. Lots of big fish are taken here annually. *Photo by Art Rogers, L. A. Times.*



• Kathleen Alpers proudly holds a 7 lb. Cutthroat caught near the Owens River Ranch on the Upper Owens as three small visitors look on. These big trout run up to the headwaters of the river during May and are always colorful and fun to catch.



• It's breakfast time at the Big Springs public campground near the Upper Owens River. Mrs. Loran Perry of Pasadena takes a peek at her hotcakes, while Mrs. Howard Phillips of Puente checks the pan of frying bacon. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Bill Faulkner of Santa Ana is an avid spin fishermen and he usually reports good results at his favorite hole on the

Upper Owens River near the Arcularius Ranch. Lots of fine catches are annually reported in this area. *Tom Henderson Photo.*



• Fly-fisherman George Holcomb of Los Angeles casts over a perfect spot on the upper Owens River near Arcularius Ranch

and the Owens River Ranch. Holcomb knows what he is doing and regularly brings in some fine catches on his trips to

this spot. And, he's not the only one. Good trout fishing is the rule—not the exception here. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



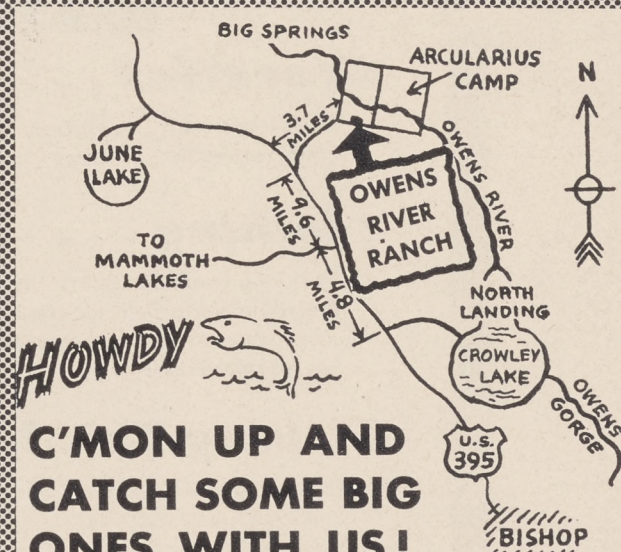
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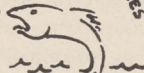
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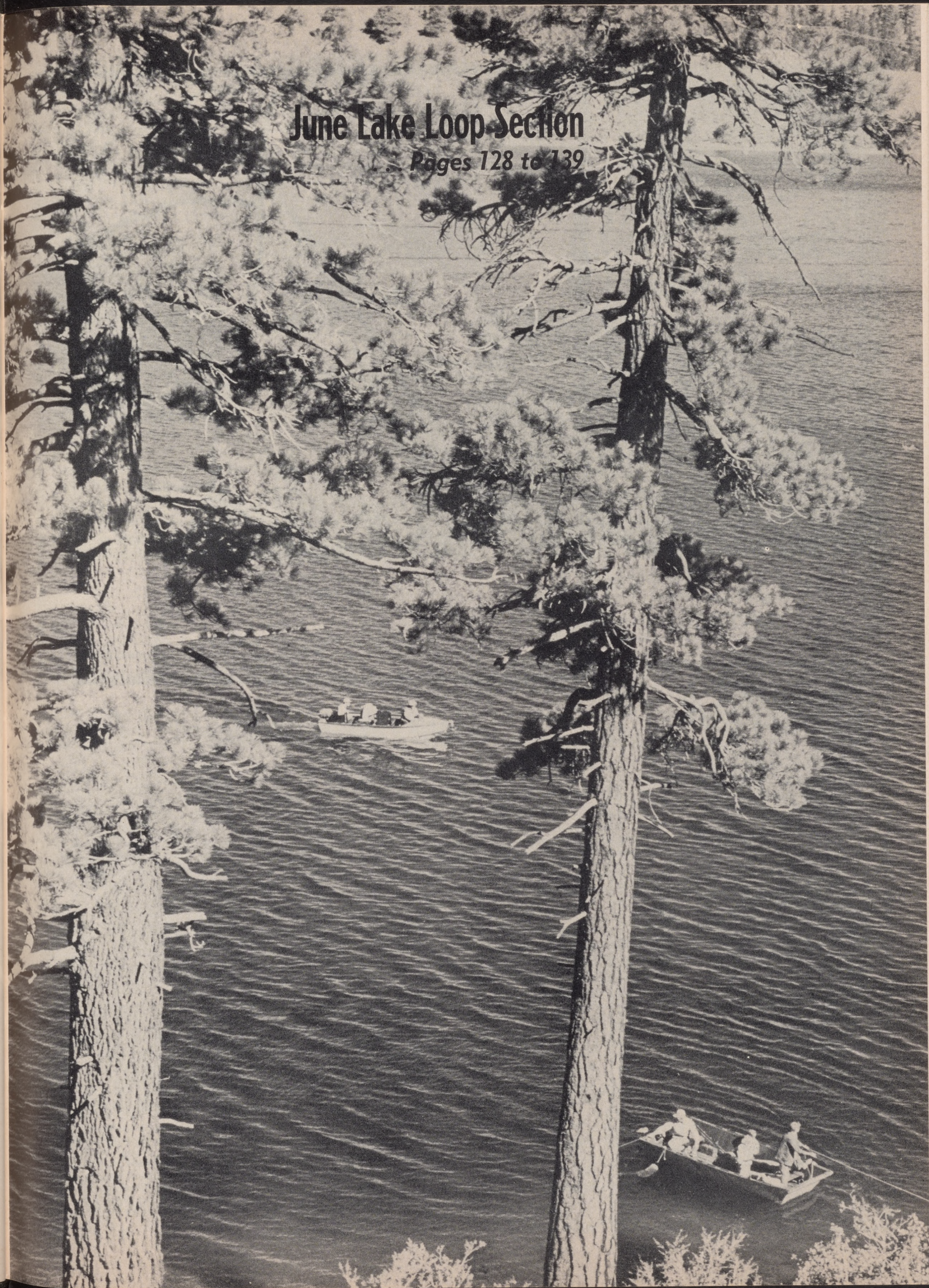
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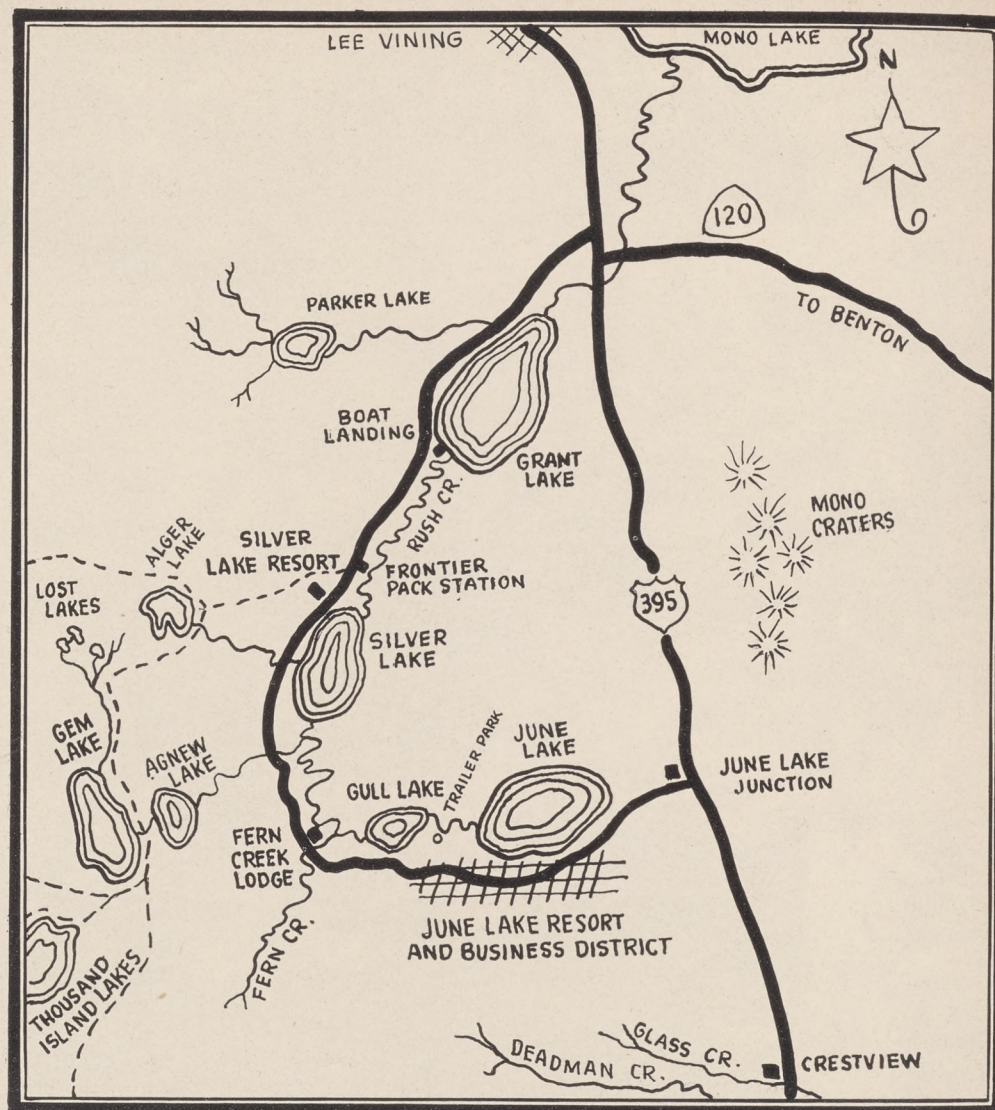
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Annually, about a month before the fishing season begins, the influx of people begins. By early summer, as soon as schools let out, June Lake is a bee-hive of activity and is usually brim-full of fishermen, campers, and just plain vacationists who enjoy the scenery, the clear mountain air, and sunshine which has made the June Lake Loop area so popular for many years.

June Lake Loop lakes can be reached either from the north or south on the paved Loop Road which branches off of U. S. Highway 395, passes by June, Gull, Silver, and Grant lakes, and then returns to the north-south highway.

If you are going north, you leave U. S. 395 at June Lake Junction and turn left. Before you reach June Lake Village you will pass Boulder Lodge and Big Rock Landing, both resorts being located on the southern shores of June Lake.

The Village itself is the center of much of the business activity in the Loop area. It boasts several



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June Lake is not only one of the best known lakes in the area, it is also one of the most scenic . . . and the picture certainly catches some of its beauty. There's just enough breeze to ruffle the surface on which the people in the boat and barge are fishing. The tall pines make an ideal frame for this picture. Other principal lakes in the region are Gull, Silver and Grant. Rush Creek is a good stream and there is fine back-country, too. (Photo by Tom Henderson.)



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June Lake itself is the best known and second largest lake in the Loop area. Annually it is heavily stocked with catchable-size Rainbow Trout and some of them grow to fine size as is evidenced by the fact that at least one 14-pounder was taken during 1954. You'll find it pictured on page 12.



Upper Rush Creek

Fishermen can use their own boats on June Lake, if they wish, or they can rent them from Marshall's Boat Landing or Kirk's Boat Landing near the Village. Motors and tackle are also available at the landings.

Continuing on around The Loop, you soon come to Gull Lake, which is smaller than June Lake but still very popular. Gull Lake Lodge is a large resort right on the highway and only a small distance from

the lake shore. Gull Lake Boat Landing provides boats and motors for those who wish to rent them.

On the Loop Road between Gull and Silver Lake are several cabin camps and resorts, most of which do a thriving business in the summer season. About halfway between these two lakes is the Fern Creek Lodge which provides accommodations, general store, and service station.

The scenic drive on around The Loop Road soon brings you to the shores of beautiful Silver Lake, quite a popular spot for fishermen and campers. The Silver Lake Resort includes a store, post office, restaurant, and trailer court for summer visitors. The lake itself provides good angling throughout the season. And, the mountains around the lake, including the Devil's Slide area, fur-

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• What a nice catch! Harry F. Kime of Burbank is pictured here with beautiful Brown Trout caught by himself and his wife on Silver Lake during May. The largest (*on the right*), weighing 10¼ lbs., he caught off shore with salmon eggs. The one on the left weighs 6¾ lbs. The other trout, one of which is 20 inches long, were caught by Mrs. Kime, also on Silver Lake last year.

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nish photographers and artists with good material for their cameras and brushes.

Elmer Jensen, whose Frontier Pack Train headquarters at Silver Lake, is prepared to take sportsmen into the high country above the Loop area where it's mighty fine fishing and hunting, including Gem Lake, Rush Meadows, Thousand Island Lake, Clark Lakes, Alger Lake and others.

Rush Creek, whose headwaters are in the back country above The Loop, becomes a fine fishing stream between Silver Lake and Grant Lake. It is heavily stocked with catchable-size Rainbows each year and there are plenty of large Brown Trout in it, too. Last year one inexperienced fisherman caught a 10-lb. Brown in Lower Rush Creek.

Last lake in the June Lake Loop, as you travel northward, is Grant Lake. It is the largest and many of the fishermen prefer it to nearly all others in the entire Inyo-Mono area. Fish are usually of nice size, some of them, in fact, even quite large. You can use your own boat on Grant Lake, or you can rent one from Putnam's Grant Lake Boat Landing. Tackle, sandwiches, coffee, and cold drinks are also available at the boat landing and motors can be rented.



• Smallest of the principal lakes in the Loop is Gull Lake, located almost adjacent to June Lake. However, it is quite popular with the fishermen and their catch is nearly always good. Between 10,000 and 20,000 catchable-size Rainbows are planted annually by the Department of Fish and Game trucks. *Fraser's Photo.*



• Hey, hey! That's too many fish for two people. Guess somebody must have been helping them. Anyhow, here are a couple of fine strings of trout, being held by Lee and Ed Braun of Burbank. They caught them on Grant Lake early in 1954. The Brauns have been coming to Inyo-Mono since 1934 and are quite fond of it. Their favorite fishing places are Silver, Grant, and Crowley.

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• June Lake has always been one of the most popular places in the entire Eastern High Sierra. And, it certainly is one of the most beautiful lakes, too. This view is

taken from the east, with majestic Carson Peak in the background. Embracing 310 acres, at an elevation of 7,612 feet, it is the second largest lake in The Loop. Be-

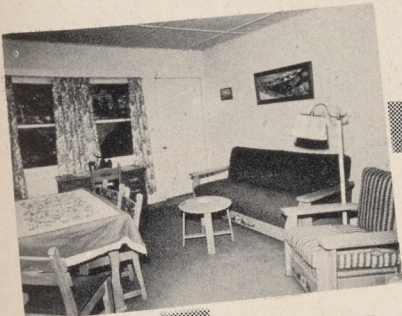
tween 80,000 and 100,000 catchable-size Rainbows are planted here annually. Largest trout taken in Inyo-Mono in 1954 was caught here. *Fraser's Photo.*



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June-Gull-Silver-Grant Lakes Area . . .



• Here's an interesting photo of Silver Lake, one of the principal lakes in the June Lake Loop. It's very popular with the fishermen and was especially good all during 1954. Located directly on The Loop highway, it is heavily planted with catch-

able-size trout, and many of the fish reach large size, as some of the other pictures in this section graphically portray. The public campgrounds along its shores are heavily used and the Silver Lake Resort is located nearby.

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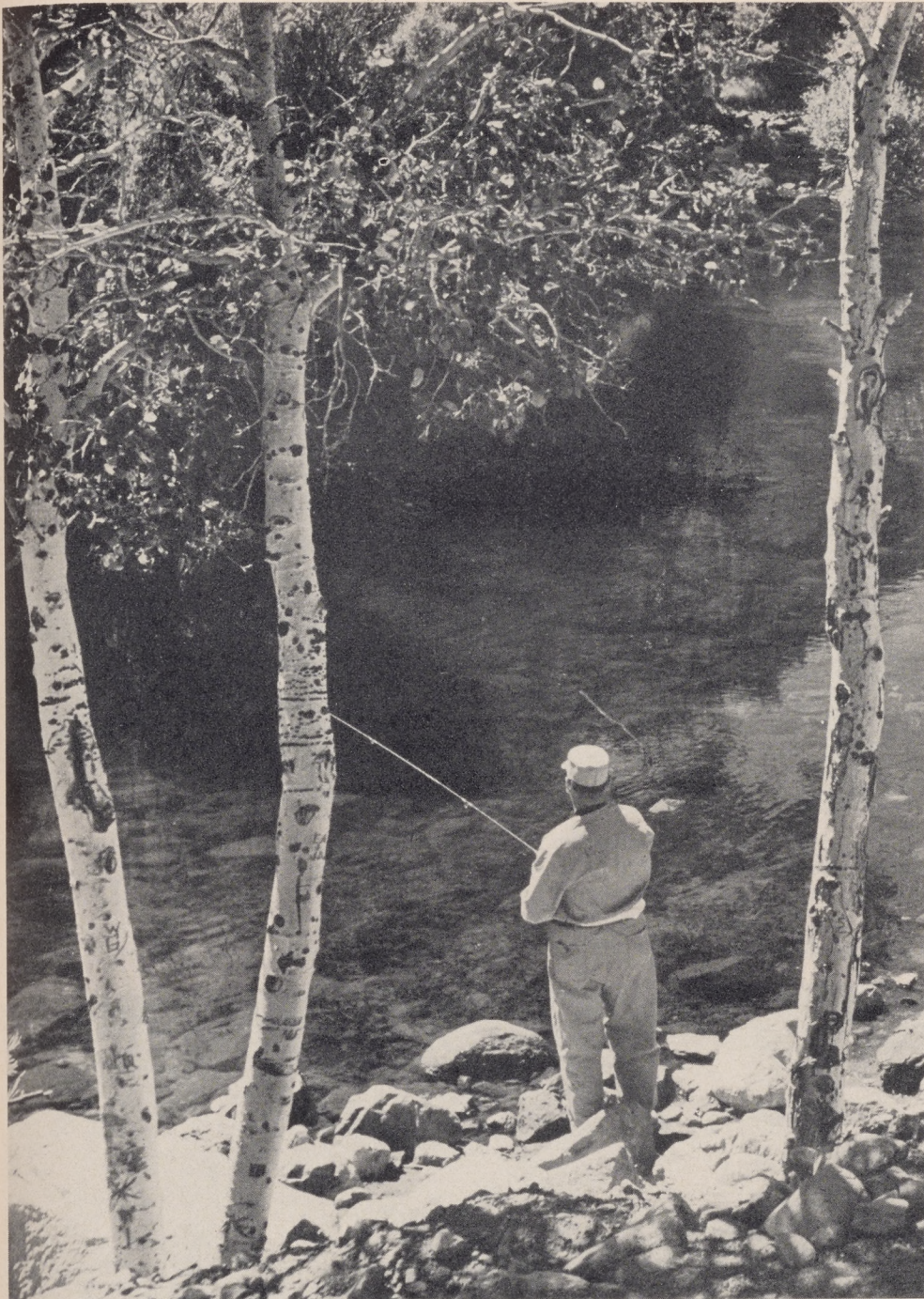


• Grant Lake, pictured above, is a man-made lake and is the largest in the June Lake Loop. Anglers who like their fish nice and large always include Grant Lake on their last of "musts" on their trip to

Inyo-Mono. It is heavily stocked (65,000 annually) with Rainbow Trout each year and there are plenty of good size Brownies in there, too. Boats are available at the landing.

Photo by Tom Henderson.

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• Lower Rush Creek gets a big play with the stream fishermen each year . . . and with good reason. Lots of fine fish are caught in this river, between Silver and Grant lakes. Between 30,000 and 40,000 catchable-size Rainbows are annually planted in this five-mile stretch and there

are big ones, too. Among the largest reported during 1954 was a 10 lb. Brownie taken by Jim Raub of Los Angeles (*picture on page 138*) and an 8½ lb. beauty caught by Hank Hansen of Burbank. There are many beautiful fishing spots along Rush Creek. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

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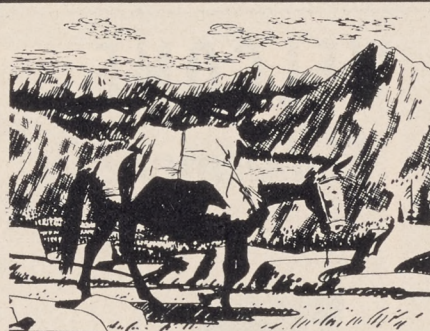
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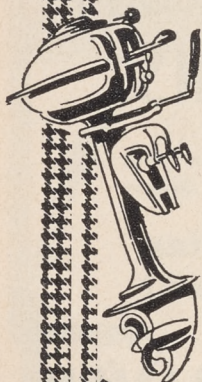
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• The cat, one of the local pets from near-by June Lake Village, seems quite interested in the view from her rocky perch overlooking one of the popular fishing spots on Upper June Lake. Note the boats in

the bay. There are many resorts on the shores of June Lake and several boat landings where you can rent boats, motors, and tackle. Or, of course, you can use your own boat if you wish. *Tom Henderson Photo.*

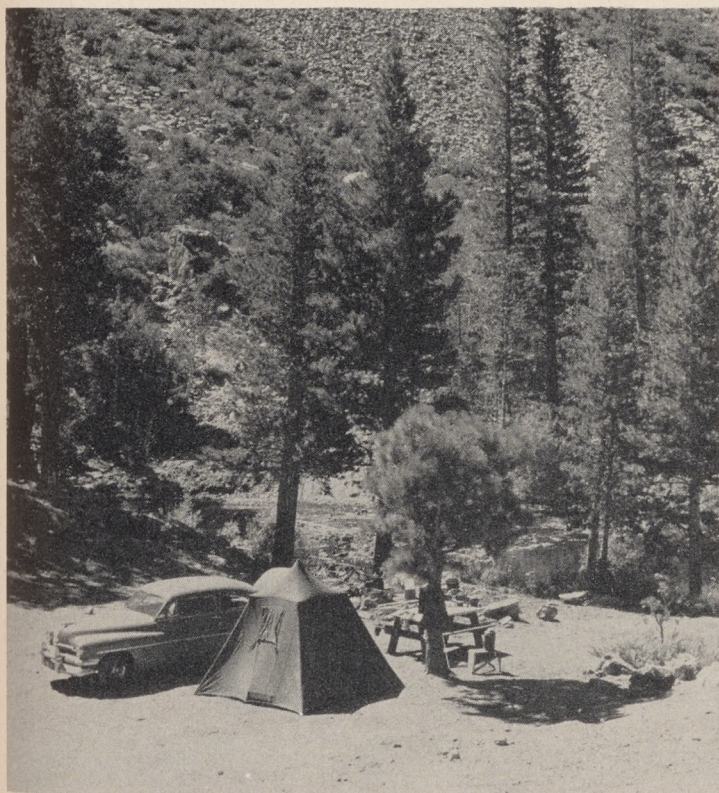


• Here's another view of Gull Lake, taken across the boat landing where boats are available for rent. The Gull Lake Lodge, along the Loop highway but close to the shore of this lake, is a popular resort

which serves fishermen on this lake and other nearby fishing waters. There's plenty of good fishing in Gull Lake and the scenery is exquisite, too. Camp grounds are nearby. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Mr. and Mrs. Al Newman of Beverly Hills are regular summer visitors to Inyo-Mono and they always like to stay at June Lake. When he's not fishing, he's working as a musical director in Hollywood movies. And, perhaps, some will remember him as a former piano player with several big name dance orchestras, including Abe Lyman. The Newmans are pictured here with two weight limits of trout taken on June Lake. *Chalfant Press Photo.*



• The public campgrounds throughout the Loop area are some of the most popular in the Eastern High Sierra. In the picture above one family has set up their summer home in one of the facilities on Rush Creek, a short distance upstream from Grant Lake. In spite of the fact that they have a huge task to do with limited funds, the Forest Service does a good job in setting up and maintaining camp grounds in Inyo-Mono. *Tom Henderson Photo.*
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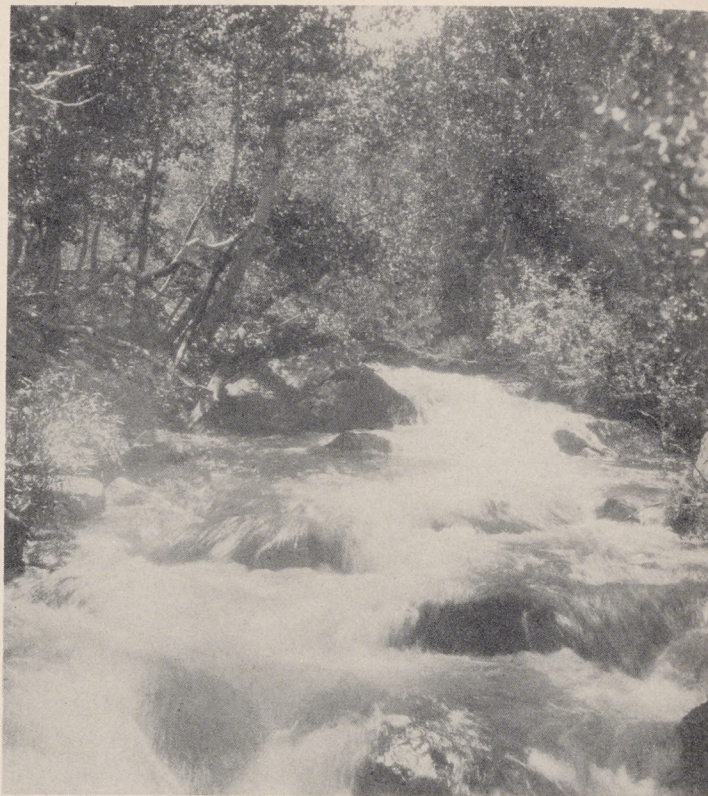
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• Parker Creek, which drains Parker Lake, is another popular stream in the back-country near the June Lake Loop. This fast-flowing creek is located north of Grant Lake. There is lots of fine wilderness area, almost completely surrounding The Loop area, and Elmer Jensen's Frontier Pack Train, which headquarters near Silver Lake, is ready to accommodate those who wish to pack into these good spots.

Dept. of Water and Power Photo.



• Jim Raub, a Northrop Aircraft Company worker, from Los Angeles, had the thrill of his life last summer when he hooked and successfully landed a 10 lb. Brown Trout on Rush Creek. The fish, which he is holding in the above picture, was 28¼ inches in length. Raub is a novice angler, but he's fast learning the tricks of the trade. He battled this trophy, the largest fish caught on Rush Creek in several years, for more than an hour.



• Denny Ponso (*left*), age 12, is state junior boys archery champion . . . and he has a flock of medals to prove it. He has been visiting the June Lake area every year since he was one year old and does his share of fishing, too. But, his main interest for the past two years has been archery and he's captured several first-place trophies in southern California. He won his title last summer at San Jose. He's going deer hunting with his bow this fall. His home is in Lynwood and he's the grandson of D. C. Peterson of June Lake, one of the original developers of the region.



• Here is a view of Alger Lake in the back-country west of June Lake Loop. Planted with fingerling Golden Trout annually by the Department of Fish and

Game, it provides excellent fishing for those who wish to pack or hike in. There are many other good back-country lakes in the June Lake area. *Fraser's Photo.*

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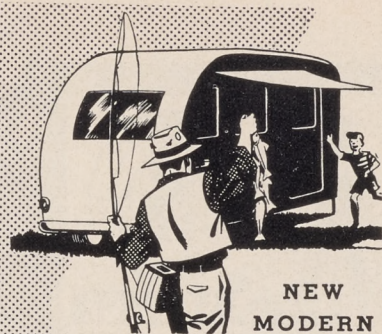


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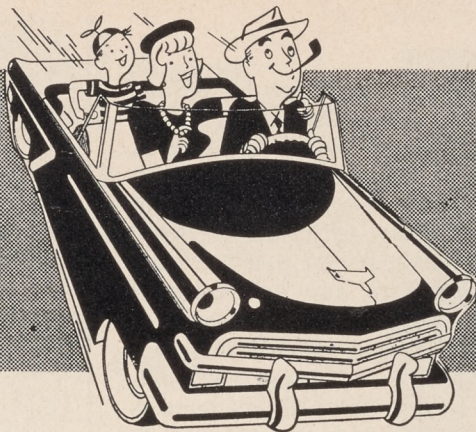
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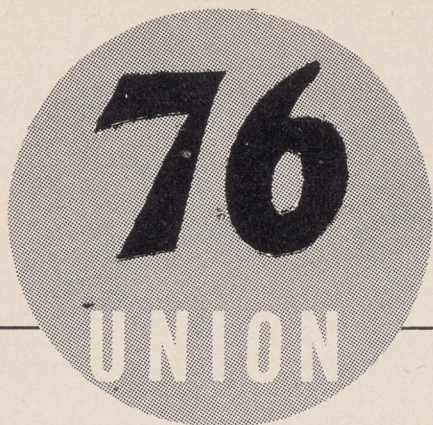
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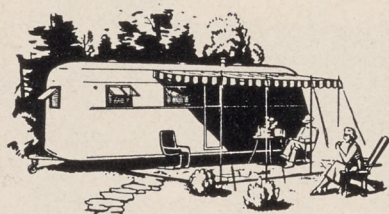
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One of the best known communities in the Eastern High Sierra is Lee Vining, located approximately 25 miles south of Bridgeport and 65 miles northwest of Bishop on U. S. 395. As the largest population center, it is the hub of this section of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide, which we call "Lee Vining-Tioga-Mono Lake."

A bustling alpine community during summer, Lee Vining has long been a popular stopping place for fishermen and tourists alike. It boasts several good restaurants, a large array of motels, a trailer court, a well-stocked market, a sporting goods store, several garages and service stations, two cocktail lounges, a souvenir store, and other incidental business.

Many sportsmen make their headquarters in Lee Vining for fishing during the summer months and deer hunting in the fall. Lee Vining Creek to the west is one of the more popular fishing streams in the area. It not only provides good angling during the season, but also has several good camping locations along its banks.

State Highway 120, commonly known as the Tioga Pass Road, has its eastern terminus at Lee Vining. Tourists can enter world-famous Yosemite National Park on this road; or, they can stop at numerous lakes and streams along the route for excellent fishing and camping. Tioga Pass Resort, located along



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Tioga Lake, near the Tioga Pass Road across the Sierras, is representative of this popular Inyo-Mono area. Mt. Dana is the background. There are many good camping spots in the vicinity and one family is utilizing the lakeshore in the foreground of this picture. There are plenty of trout to be had in this and other nearby lakes. Lee Vining and Mono Lake areas, all popular with fishermen and campers, are included in this section. (Photo by Tom Henderson.)

this highway, serves sportsmen who wish to fish in popular Tioga Lake, Saddlebag Lake, and Ellery Lake as well as other smaller lakes and streams in this area, mainly outside of Yosemite Park.

There are good fishing lakes and streams inside The Park, also, but there is a stretch of the highway which is quite narrow and meandering. Residents of Lee Vining and other nearby areas are now making a concerted effort to have the U. S. Government rebuild a 21-mile section of the highway within Yosemite National Park so that those who wish to enter or leave the park by the eastern boundary may find it easier and more convenient. Thousands of names have been recorded on petitions which have been forwarded to Washington during the past year. It is likely that this program will be continued again in 1955 until the U. S. Department of Interior allocates funds for the greatly-needed road improvement. Even so, many tourists use the Tioga Road to enter Inyo-Mono from Central California and the Bay Area. It saves these travelers many miles.



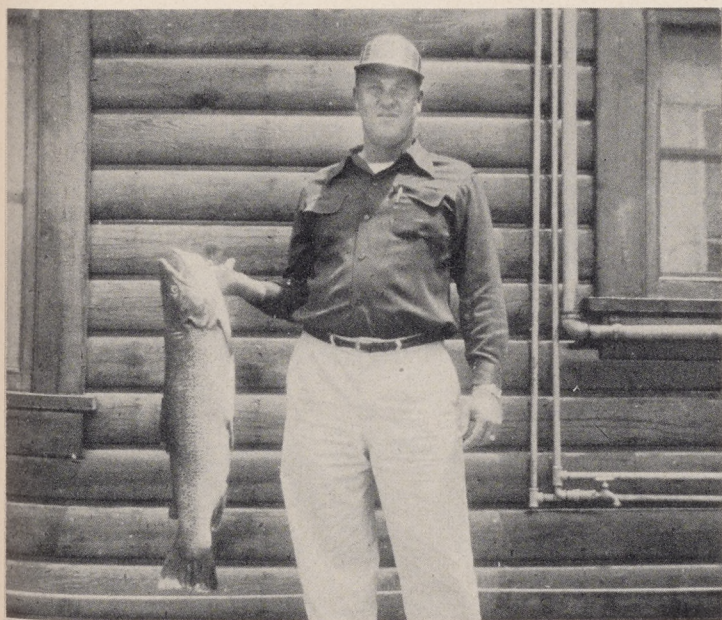
Mono Craters

But, regardless of the road, everyone agrees that the trip up the Tioga Pass Road is breath-taking and that the scenery is unsurpassed. And, sportsmen also agree that there's plenty of top fishing—both lake and stream—in the area immediately adjacent to this highway.

Mono Lake is the other community included in this section of The Fishing Guide. Located on U. S. Highway 395 only a few miles north of Lee Vining, it includes Tioga Lodge, Mono Inn, Lundy Lake Resort, and Virginia Lakes Resort as well as a general store, post office, service stations etc.

Mono Inn and Tioga Lodge are located directly on the shore of beautiful Mono Lake, largest lake in the Inyo-Mono area but one in which there is very little marine life because of the presence of many minerals in the water. It is popular for swimming, however, and more recently water skiing has been added to the list of local sports. Mono Lake has been used as the locale of several movies, the most recent being "Fair Winds to Java" which was made in 1953. Perhaps you will remember the vol-

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• Third largest trout reported caught in the Inyo-Mono area in 1954 was taken May 21 on Lundy Lake. Don Brown of Inglewood, California, was the fortunate fisherman who boated the huge Brownie using a Super-Duper lure. Photo by Jay Dillon.

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canos and craters in the show. Unusual Mono Craters served as a natural backdrop for much of this popular movie.

Only a few miles north of Mono Lake a road branches westward to Lundy Lake, only five miles distant. Lundy is annually planted with Rainbow Trout of catchable size by the Department of Fish and Game, but there are also plenty of Eastern Brook Trout there, too. Lundy Lake Resort provides camping facilities, cabins, boats, groceries etc.

The popular Virginia Lakes group are also readily reached by turning west from U. S. Highway 395 at Conway Summit and following the road in a southwesterly direction about 6 miles. Virginia Lakes Resort serves this area which includes Big and Little Virginia Lakes, Blue and Trumbull Lakes and others. Jay Pearce also provides pack service from this point farther into the back country if the sportsmen wish it.



• Lee Vining Creek is one of the most popular streams in the Eastern High Sierras. Located west of the Town of Lee Vining, it boasts excellent stream fishing and many ideal spots for camping along its banks. This photo was taken in February 1954 when there was lots of snow in the area; but that certainly won't bother you when you make your visit to Inyo-Mono this summer. The Tioga Pass Road may be seen above and to the right. The Department of Fish and Game annually plants between 10,000 and 25,000 catchable-size Rainbow here. *Dept. Water & Power Photo.*

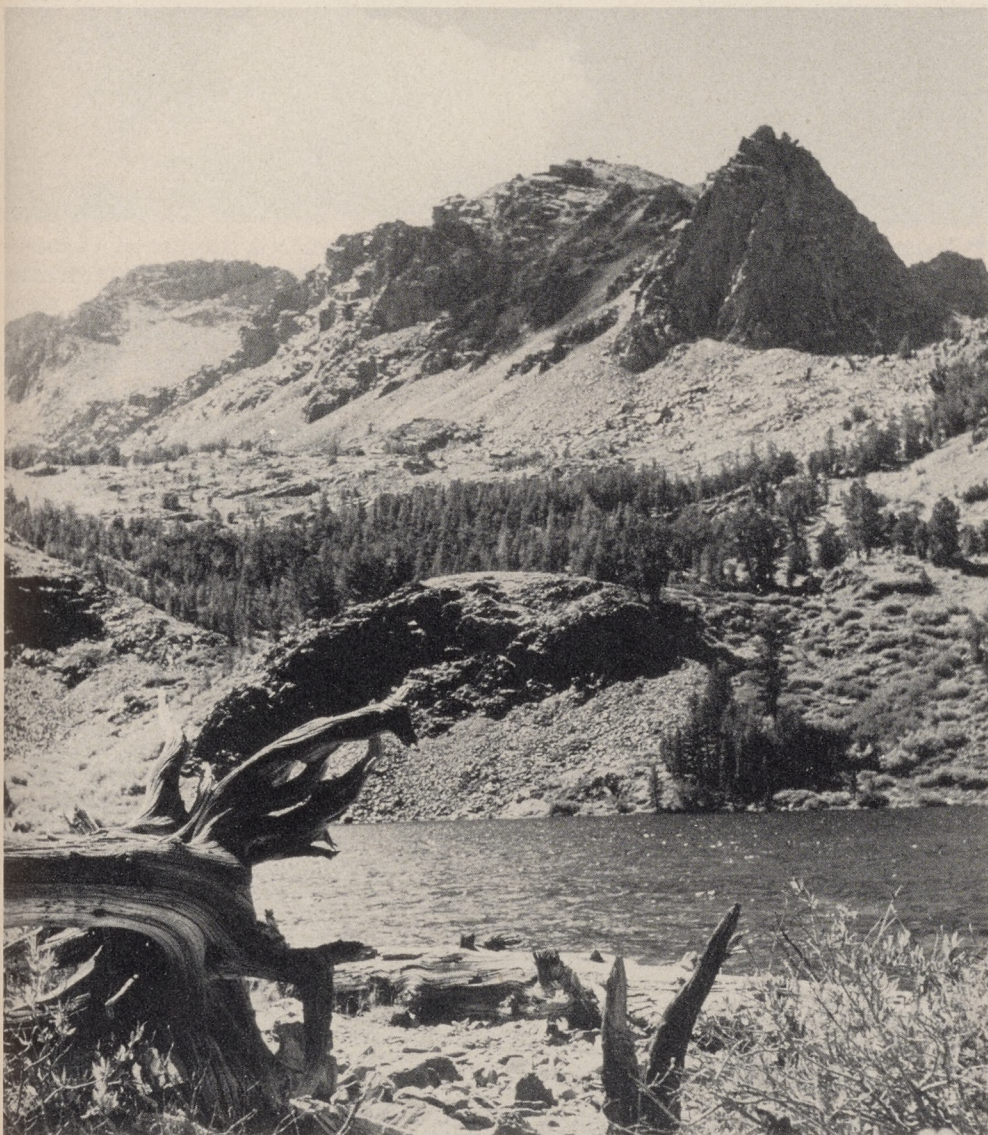


• There are lots of fine places to camp in this Lee Vining-Tioga-Mono Lake section of Inyo-Mono. In the picture above, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cooper of Moccasin, California, are having breakfast in their camp near Ellery Lake. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• George D. LaBraque Sr. and his son, George D. LaBraque, Jr., both of Lee Vining, are pictured here with a fine string of trout taken on Little Walker Lake south and west of Lee Vining. Gates are maintained on the lake by the Department of Water and Power so you can't drive in; but there's no objection to your walking in and fishing there.

• Ray Gordon of San Diego (*left*) is pictured here with a fine trout he caught in Little Virginia Lake last summer. Gordon enjoys fishing in this area.



• Big Virginia Lake is photogenic as well as quite productive in trout. Readily accessible by a road which branches westward from U. S. 395 at Conway Summit, this is one of a large group of Virginia

Lakes, all of which are noted for their trout fishing and scenery. Between 10,000 and 12,000 catchable-size Rainbows are planted in this one lake alone and more in others. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



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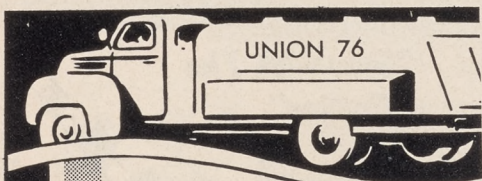
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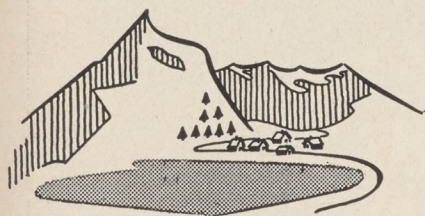
• Water-skiing has become quite a popular sport on Mono Lake during the past year. Because of the buoyancy of the water (*on account of the heavy mineral content*) there is less resistance on the Mono Lake surface than in ordinary water. In the

photo above Gloria Redmon of Victorville (*formerly of Bishop*) enjoys an exhilarating ride behind a fast motor boat. An increasing number of the local residents—and visitors—are trying their hand at this new sport. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Lundy Lake has always been a good fishing lake and 1954 was no exception. One of the largest trout caught in the entire area last year, a 13 lb. Brownie taken by Don Brown of Inglewood (*photo on*

page 143), was taken on Lundy early in the season. There are plenty of Eastern Brook, Rainbow, and Brown Trout in this popular lake which is readily reached by good road west from 395. *Fraser's Photo.*



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• ABOVE—Mono Lake is the largest in the Inyo-Mono area, but there is little marine life in its waters—because they are so full of minerals. Nevertheless, this lake provides beautiful scenery and good salt-water swimming. And, the Mono Craters, plainly evident in the background of this photo, are another important tourist attraction. This lake was used a couple of years ago as the setting for the movie, "Fair Winds to Java." See it? *Fraser's Photo.*

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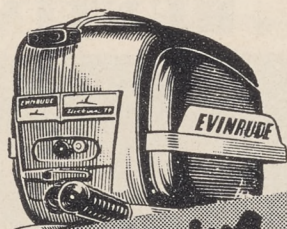
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Lee Vining-Tioga Pass-Mono Lake Area...



• Nancy Fink tries her luck in a likely pool on Lee Vining Creek near the highway (*State Route 120*). This stretch of fly-fishing water is between Ellery and Tioga

lakes. The Tioga Pass Resort, which serves this area with accommodations, supplies, etc., can be seen in the background. You'll like it up here. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

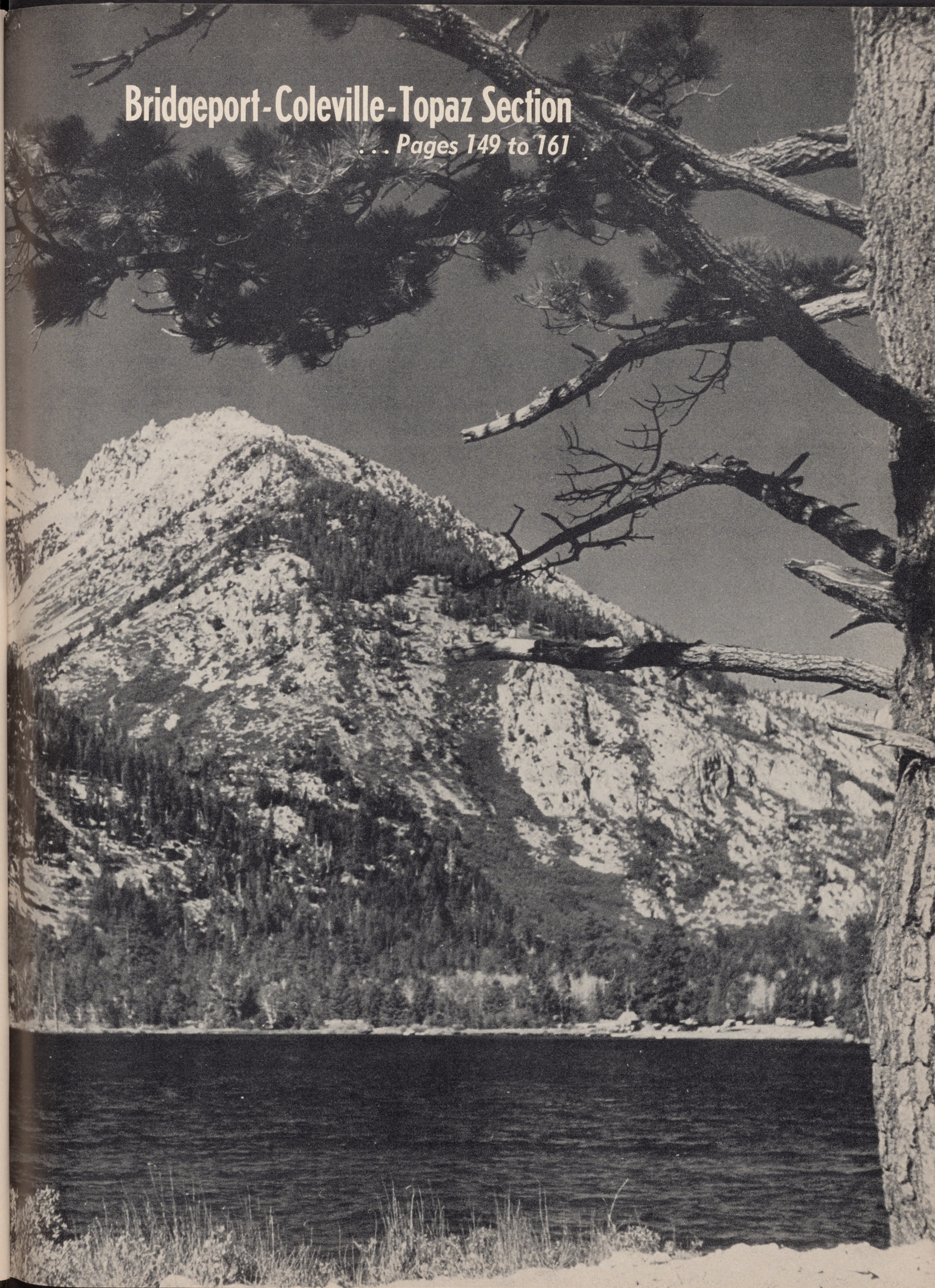


• Ellery Lake is a scenic spot, near the top of the Tioga Grade. From here it is only a short trip into Yosemite National Park on State Highway 120. Ellery Lake is also

good fishing and is planted with Brook fingerlings by the Department of Fish and Game. There are many other lakes in the immediate area. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

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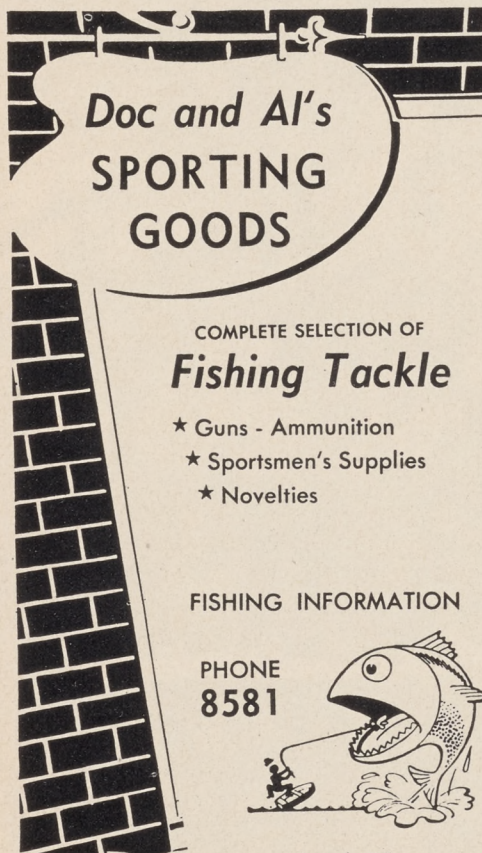
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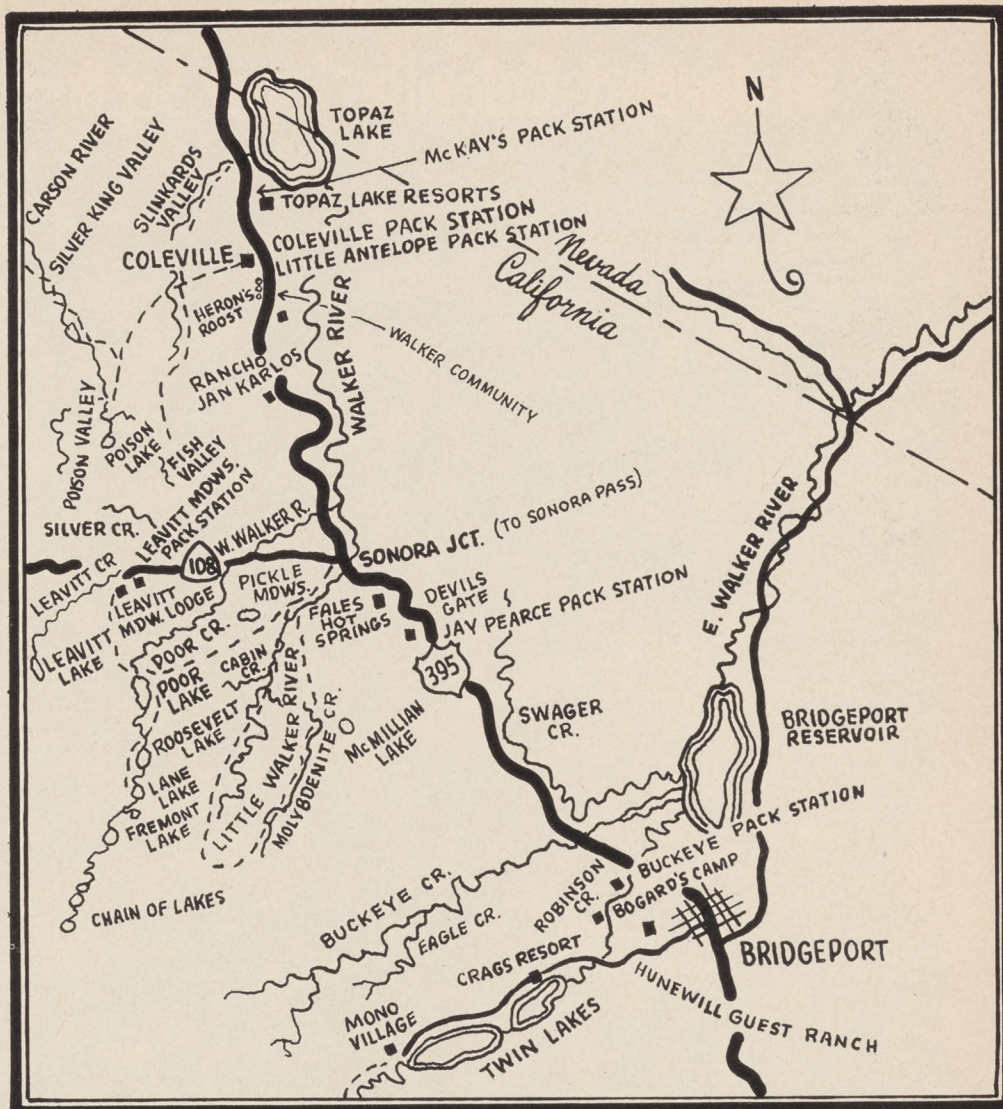
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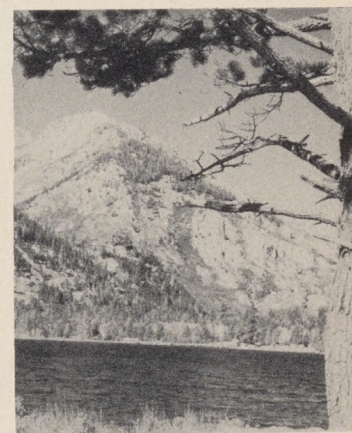


Bridgeport-Coleville-Topaz Section

Whether you're a lake or a stream fisherman, you'll find that the Bridgeport-Coleville-Topaz area offers plenty of both. This section of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide starts with the Green Lakes area on the south and continues northward through Bridgeport, the new Walker Community, Coleville, and ends at the California-Nevada state line which bisects Topaz Lake.

As you go northward on U. S. Highway 395, and leave Lee Vining and Mono Lake, you soon cross Conway Summit, highest elevation on this north-south highway (elevation 8,138 feet). About five miles south of Bridgeport, there is a gravel road to the west which takes you into the Green Lakes Resort, Jay Pearce's Pack Station, and to the nearby lakes and streams where excellent fishing usually prevails. It is about 10 miles from U. S. 395 to the termination of the road at the Green Lakes Resort where the elevation is 9,150 feet.

Continuing on northward, you pass the Willow Springs Resort and Trailer Park. Just as you come into the Town of Bridgeport, a road branches off northeasterly to the Bridgeport Reservoir and East Walker River, both of which provide excellent angling during the season. The reservoir, often termed "Bridgeport Lake" is probably the more famous and hundreds of fishermen each year make it a point of fishing this man-made body of water for the big Rainbows and



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The Twin Lakes near Bridgeport are among the most popular in the Eastern High Sierra. The picture happens to be taken on Upper Twin Lake, with a tall pine tree in the foreground and the rugged Sierra peaks in the background. The Twin Lakes provide good fishing, top scenery, and good accommodations as well as camping areas. This section of our Guide also includes the lakes and the streams from Bridgeport to Topaz Lake. (Photo by Tom Henderson.)

Browns that are readily caught when the lake is "hot." You can use your own boat; or you can rent one at Jim's Boat Landing on the east shore of the reservoir. East Walker, a fine stream, is getting quite a reputation for producing large Brown Trout. There are plenty of these finny fellows, lurking in the holes, and there are smaller ones, too, in case you're after a good mess of eating fish.

The Town of Bridgeport, itself, has a friendly spirit and really sets out the welcome mat for the fisherman, hunter, and tourist. There are several good motels in town as well as two markets, two sporting goods stores, three restaurants, a bakery, service stations, garages, cocktail lounges, and other miscellaneous business ready to serve you.



Mono County Courthouse

Bridgeport is also the county seat of Mono County—a rather small county in size, but one of the most important in the state as far as the sportsmen are concerned. The courthouse, built in 1882, is plainly noticeable on the right-hand side of the road as you pass northward. Many tourists stop to see it.

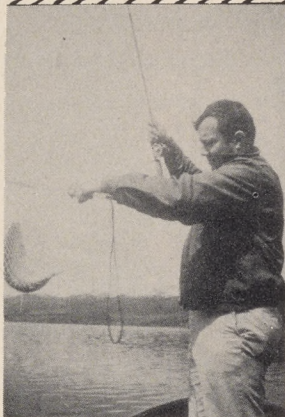
Many sportsmen are well acquainted with the Twin Lakes area which is reached by a good, plainly-marked road which branches to the left just as you leave town. On the road to Twin Lakes you pass the famous Hunewill Circle-H Ranch, quite popular with the sportsmen and their families, Bogard's Camp, and the Buckeye Pack Station. On Lower Twin Lake (elevation 7,092 feet) you'll find Craggs Resort and on a little farther you'll come to Upper Twin Lake (elevation 7,096 feet) where you'll see Mono Village Resort and its nearby pack station. Fishing is usually quite good on both of these lakes and they certainly are among the most picturesque in the entire Inyo-Mono area.

Back on Highway 395, you drive on northward to the Devil's Gate Pack Station and Fales Hot Springs. The latter, one of the oldest resorts in the region, has always been quite popular for its mineral baths and accommodations. At Sonora Junction you can turn westward on State Highway 108, if you wish, to reach Pickel Meadows, Leavitt Meadows Lodge and Leavitt Meadows Pack Station. This part of the highway, eastern terminus of the

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• Everyone is interested in big trout . . . and the picture above proves it. Tabby the cat is looking them over and so is little Christy Heune, daughter of Benno Heune who caught these three 7 lb. beauties on Bridgeport Reservoir early in 1954. Two of the fish are Browns and one is a Rainbow. Heune, formerly of Modesto, is one of the new owners of Ken's Sporting Goods Store.



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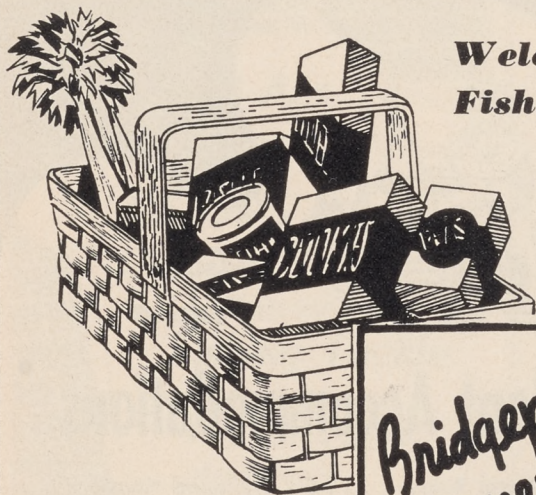
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trans-Sierra highway from Sonora and other Central California points, is quite scenic. And it serves a fine group of back-country lakes and streams which provide excellent angling during the summer months. Probably the most popular lake in the area is Fremont; best known streams are Leavitt and Silver Creek.

From Sonora Junction on northward U. S. Highway 395 often parallels the West Walker River, a stream-fisherman's paradise which extends northward to Topaz Lake. West Walker River is considered one of the really fine fishing streams in the West and the fact that it is so accessible by car makes it very popular with many anglers. Fishing on the river was especially good in 1954 and there is every indication that it will continue to produce during the 1955 season as it has been heavily planted and there is plenty of feed for the trout.

Driving northward along U. S. 395, you pass Rancho Jan Karlos and the new Walker Community which has shown considerable growth during the past year. It now boasts resorts, service stations, general store, a speciality Indian handicrafts store, sporting goods store etc. Located in the center of good fishing on the West Walker and back-country lakes, it is also extremely popular during the deer hunting season.

Coleville, as always, continues to attract the fishermen and hunters. It boasts three pack stations in its vicinity, general store, service stations, restaurants, and motels. Fishing is usually good on nearby West Walker River and the back-country lakes and this area is very popular with the duck and goose hunters in the winter as well as the deer and bear hunters during the fall season.

North of Coleville, the anglers have their choice of fishing the West Walker River, back-country lakes and streams, or Topaz Lake. The latter, located partly in California and partly in Nevada, is stocked regularly by both states and some of the Rainbows and Cutthroats reach amazing proportions. When Topaz Lake is "hot," anglers are likely to catch trout of almost any size. You can use your own boats; or they are available at some of the resorts in the area which include Kinzy's, Palmer's, and Pinky's Topaz resorts as well as the spacious new Topaz Lodge just across the state line in Nevada.



• The Bridgeport Reservoir, often called "Bridgeport Lake," gets a big play every year. There are lots of trout in the reservoir and some of them are big. Catches of 5-7 lb. Brownies or Rainbows are not uncommon and there are much bigger ones in this lake, too. When the Bridgeport Reservoir is "hot," it is just as good fishing as there is anywhere in the High Sierra. In the picture above R. F. Andreini of Pacoima, California, is launching his new boat on the reservoir while his friends lend a helping hand. You can rent boats and motors at Jim's Boat Landing on the Bridgeport Reservoir if you wish. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

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• For fishing that is comparatively easily reached by motor vehicle, you won't find much better than that found in the Green Lakes district. The photo above shows a nice spot on Green Creek, not far from

the resort. You can reach this area by turning westward on a dirt road about five miles south of Bridgeport on U. S. 395. It is about 10 miles into the camp, but there's fishing along the way. *Fraser's Photo.*



• Green Lake, south of Bridgeport and only a few miles west of U. S. Highway 395 on a good dirt road, provides excellent fishing for summer anglers at an elevation of 9,150 feet. Accommodations are pro-

vided at the Green Lakes Resort and public camp grounds are located on Green Creek, nearer the highway. Jay Pearce also has the headquarters for his pack station near the resort *Fraser's Photo.*

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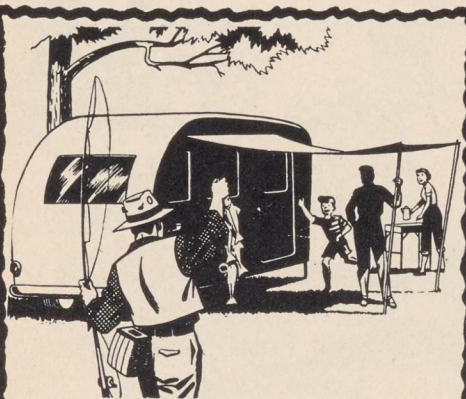
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• Here's another view of Lower Twin Lake, easily reached from Bridgeport by a good road which passes Hunewill Ranch and Bogard's Camp before it reaches Craggs Resort on Lower Twin. This resort, one of the best known in the area, can be seen

amid the trees in the picture above. Between 30,000 and 75,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout are planted in this lake annually by the Department of Fish and Game and fishing is usually heavy in this Mono County area. *Frasher's Photo.*



• Another one of the many good back-country fishing lakes, reached from Leavitt Meadows, is Tower Lake (*pictured above*) with Forsythe Peak in the background.

You'll probably catch some of those prize specimens—Golden Trout—if you make the pack into this lake, nestled high in the High Sierra mountains. *Frasher's Photo.*

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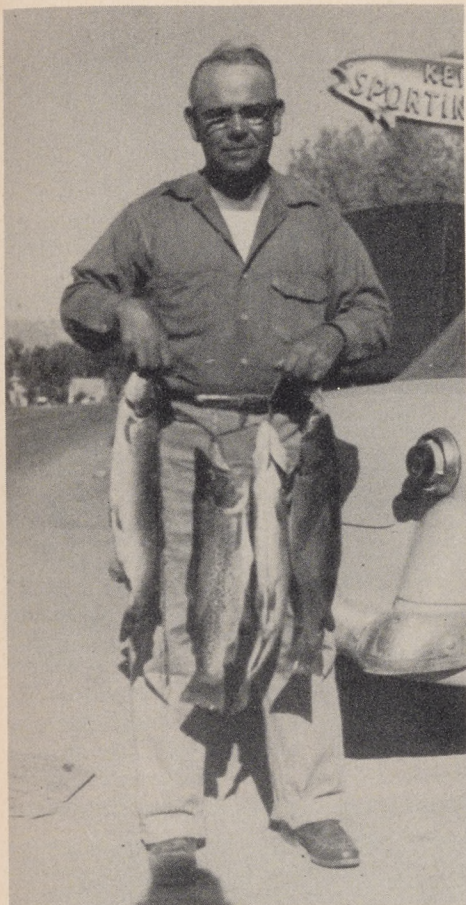
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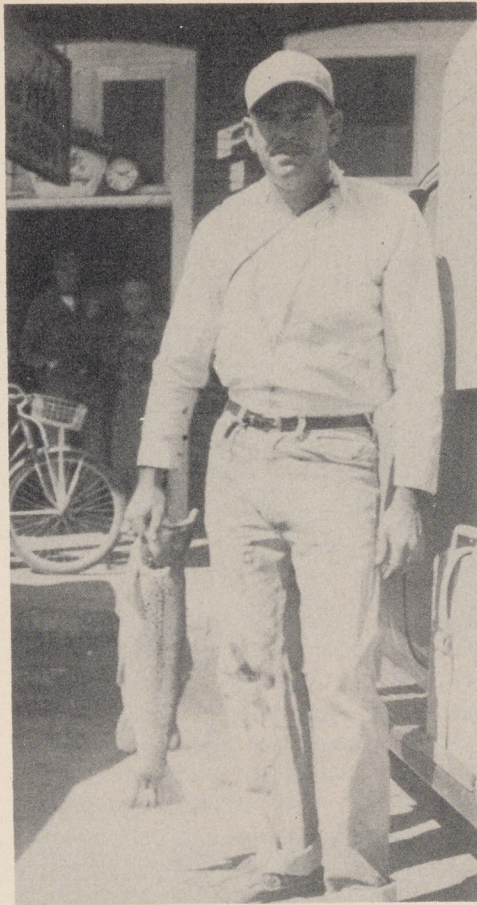
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• Waldo Newman of Los Angeles proudly displays a weight limit of fine trout taken July 4, 1954 on the Bridgeport Reservoir. He's a regular summer High Sierra visitor.



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• One of the most scenic—and certainly one of the most popular—lakes in the Northern Mono County area is the Lower Twin Lake, pictured above. Rugged mountains provide a beautiful backdrop and

fishing is usually at its best here. Craggs Resort serves the area with accommodations, store, cafe, etc. Lower Twin Lake may be readily reached from Bridgeport area by a good road. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• Day riders from the Hunewill Circle-H Ranch south and west of Bridgeport are pictured here as they cross one of the lower fields. Hunewill Ranch is quite popular

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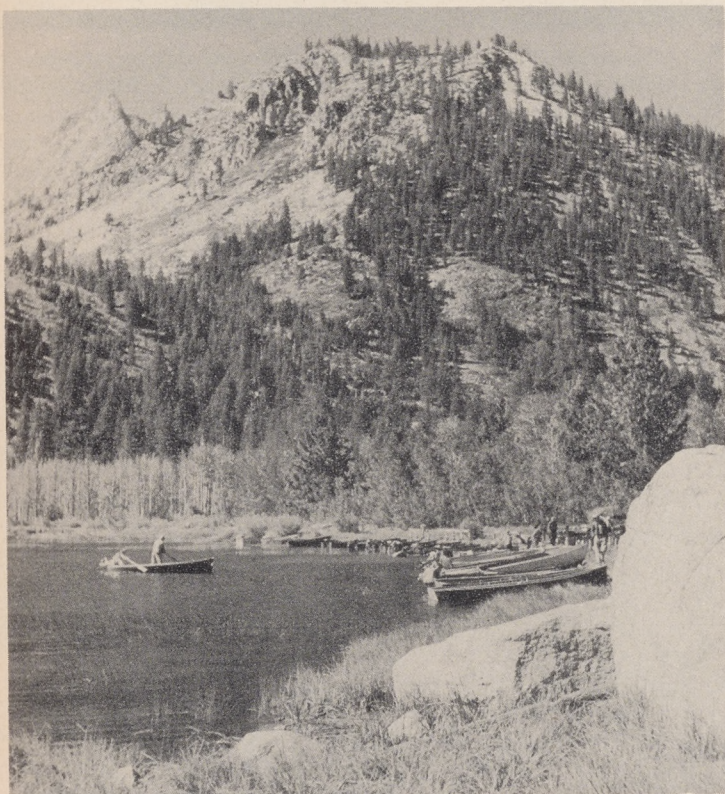
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• Boats are available at Mono Village on Upper Twin Lake in the Bridgeport area as the picture above shows. Towering mountains are in the background. Mono Village serves this lake and provides accommodations, store, campgrounds and trailer park, horseback riding, and pack-in service. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*

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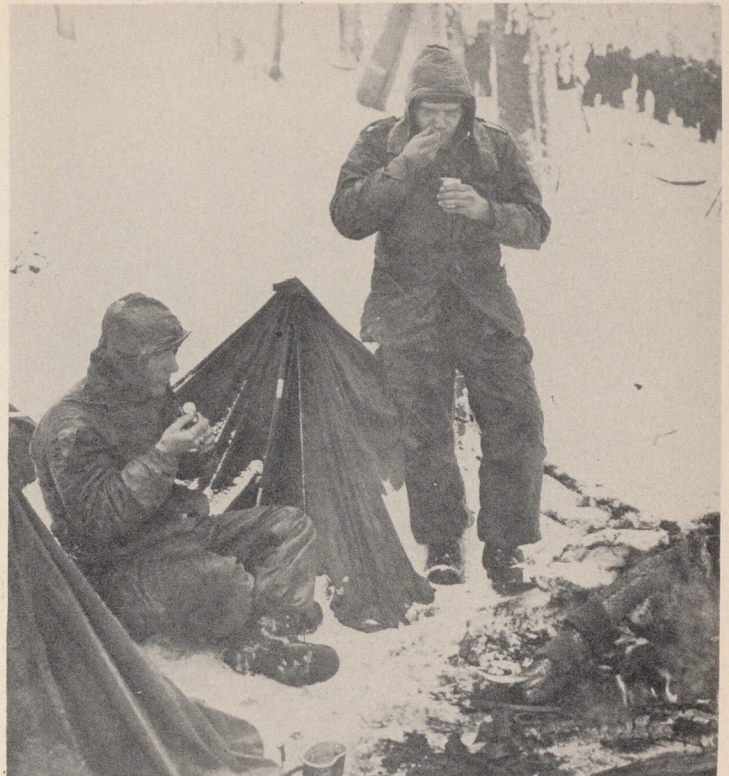
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• It gets pretty cold up in the Sonora Pass area during winter . . . and that's ideally suited to the needs of the U. S. Marine Cold Weather Battalion which gives intensive combat training in snow and icy conditions at Pickel Meadows, just a short distance west of U. S. 395 on State Route 108. Hundreds of Marines are shuttled back and forth from Camp Pendleton throughout the winter.

• In the photo above, two of the trainees are pictured as they enjoy a hot meal near their small tents. Three of the camp officers are pictured below. They are, from left to right, First Lieutenant J. C. Gerard, operations chief; Colonel C. O. Totman, commanding officer; and Second Lieutenant R. L. Martson (*in camouflaged uniform*). The Pickel Meadows camp is quite busy throughout the winter, but maintains only a skeleton force in the summer months when weather is warm. *Official U. S. Marine Photos.*





• Colleen Cosby of Bishop tries her hand at fishing the popular West Walker River, one of the best trout streams in the West. Colleen was chosen "Miss Inyo County" in 1954 and represented that county in the "Maid of Honor" contest at the state fair

in Sacramento. Oh, yes, we were talking about West Walker River! Well, it was especially "hot" all last summer and many good sized fish were taken by the hundreds of anglers who find it readily accessible near U. S. 395. *Photo by Tom Henderson.*



• The Leavitt Meadows area (pictured above) is very popular with sportsmen, fishermen, and tourists. Located near the Sonora Pass Road (State Highway 108), it has good fishing streams and is the gate-

way to some fine back country served by the Leavitt Meadows Pack Station. The Leavitt Meadows Lodge serves this fine recreational area with cabins, store, cafe, cocktail lounge, etc. *Fraser's Photo.*



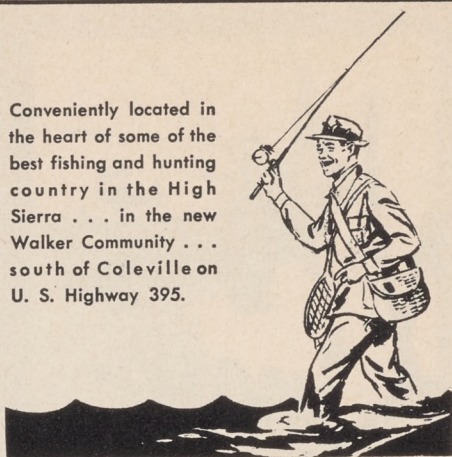
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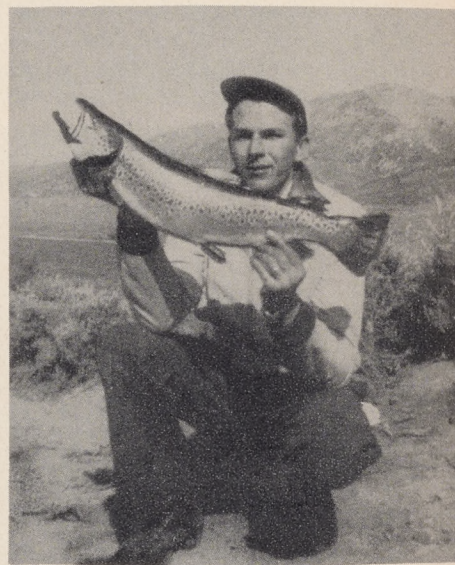
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Bridgeport - Coleville - Walker - Topaz Area . . .



• Here's another view of popular West Walker River, which offers long stretches of good fishing waters almost immediately

adjacent to U. S. 395. Approximately 75,000 catchable-size trout are planted in this fine stream annually. *Fraser's Photo.*



• These two fishermen display their prize catches of last season in the Northern Mono County area. Russell Weeks (*left*) of Venice smiles as he holds the 7 lb. 14 oz. Rainbow Trout he caught on Topaz Lake June 28. Don Lewis (*right*), president of the Southern California Spinning and Gun Association, holds the 5 lb. 15 oz. Brownie he caught on Bridgeport Reservoir early in the season. They're nice catches, men!



• Piute Meadows is another popular back-country spot, above Leavitt Meadows and Fremont Lake. The upper West Walker River is in the foreground and a pack train

takes a breather on the other side of the stream before it continues on up into higher and rougher country. Fishing is excellent in this vicinity. *Fraser's Photo.*



• Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Hulbert of Bell, California, join forces to land a two-pound Rainbow Trout on Topaz Lake early in the 1954 season. The Hulberts have been coming to Inyo-Mono regularly for 18 years and they are looking forward to another trip to their favorite lakes and streams this year. *Steve Lukacik Photo.*



• Hunting is good in the Coleville-Topaz area as the picture above indicates. And the story of how Tom Barnes of Long Beach (pictured with his kill) bagged these animals is quite interesting—almost unbelievable. Hunting near Topaz Lake on the opening day of the season, he came upon two mountain lions as they stalked a three-point buck. He shot the buck, then sent a bullet into the body of one of the cats. Badly hit, the big lion disappeared into the brush, screaming and biting at its wound. In the meantime, the deer had gotten up, but the second lion jumped on its back and sank its fangs into its neck. Barnes killed the second lion with one shot and finished off the buck with another . . . and these are shown with Barnes in the picture above. He spent the next day looking for the big lion that he had wounded, but he never did find the beast. *San Francisco Call-Bulletin Photo.*

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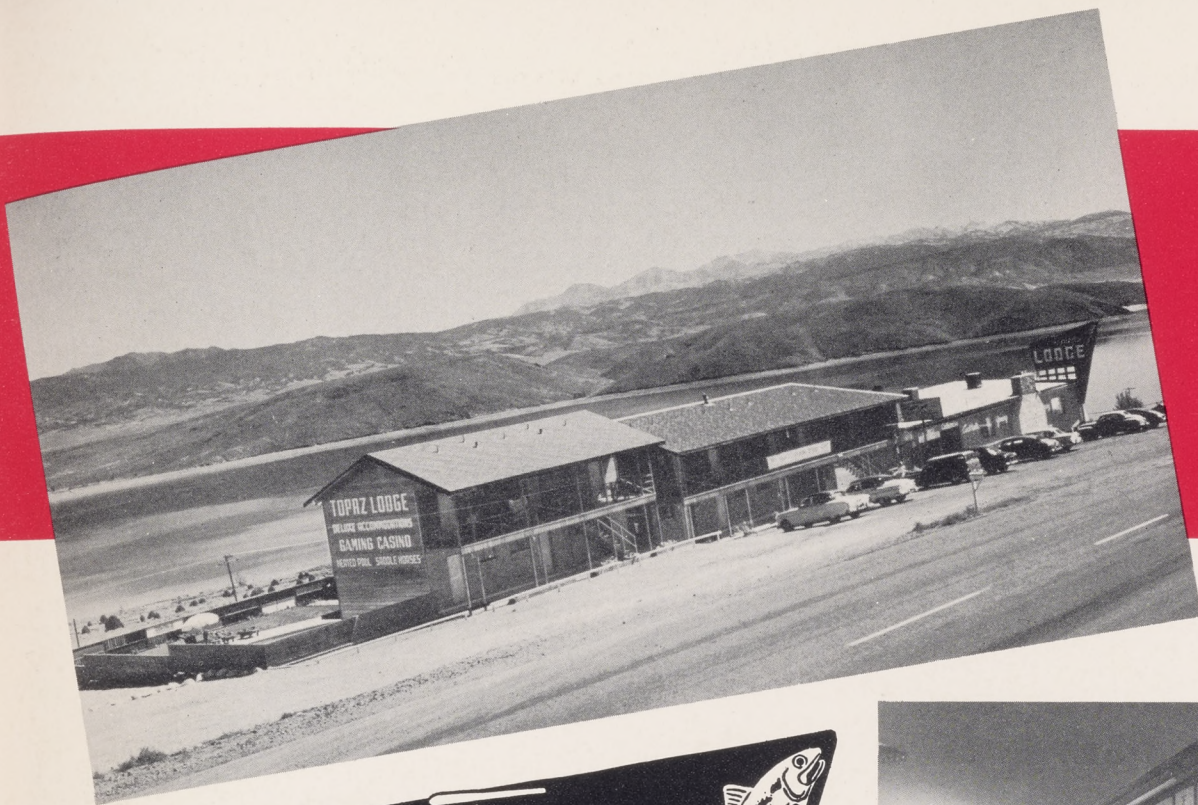
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